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PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

MEETING OF THE CIVIC AND POLITICAL LEAGUE

PUBLIC MISLED AS TO THE PURPOSE

Independent Negroes Ordered From Session—Miss Maggie Coleman of Lexington Highly Entertained—General Notes.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The long-looked-for meeting of the Civic and Political League of Kentucky, which was pulled off at Odd Fellows' Hall on New Year's day, was a great throw-down to the expectations of many who attended its sessions. It was generally noised abroad that these Negro "leaders" would sound a note of warning to the G. O. P. that unless something was done to draw Taft's knife out of the Negro's vitals, a Democratic President would succeed the present incumbent in the White House. Nothing of the kind was done. They met and resolved that Mr. Taft was the best Republican since Lincoln; that Bradley was too heavy for a seat in the United States Senate, and that the State administration is a "peach." The only man in the League whose abilities and activities have attracted attention was Albert S. White, the foremost Negro in Republican politics here for many years, though his has been the misfortune to just miss landing a position in any degree commensurate with his commanding talents. The public was misled as to the nature and purpose of the meeting. All citizens were invited to attend, but when several Negroes who affiliated with the independent movement last November put in their appearance, they were called "traitors" and ordered out. Mr. W. H. Parker, the leader of the Negro Independent Club, nearly broke up the meeting by his advent into their midst. Mr. Parker was alluded to as a goat that had strayed into the sheep's fold, and it was plainly evident that no independent Negroes were wanted; only the slavish, boot-licking, truckling Negro, with supple knee and rubber back, could get any hearing. No courtesy to be extended to the Negro who dared stand erect at the mention of Taft's name. It was distinctly given out that this league looked with disfavor upon any insurgency within the ranks of the black brigade, and that all such would be read out of the party; and be it further resolved, that if we are allowed a place at the Federal pie counter, we will be satisfied with scraps and crusts, provided we are called leaders. This organization, if such it may be called, has in reality neither head, toil, tooth nor claw; it is nothing in the world but an empty stomach, perishing for pie.

It seems that everybody was at sea as to the object of this meeting, and many were the inquiries addressed to those who were supposed to know, and one of the most intelligent delegates stated that the movement was launched to repudiate and to counteract the conduct of the independent Negroes in Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and the Fifth district of Kentucky, and to poison the minds of the Negroes of the country against the tremendous influence of Bishop Walters. Resolutions were passed praising the present miserable administration, thereby indorsing the Brownsville outrage, the "Lewis anti-election bait," the appointments to the Supreme Bench, and the proclamation that no Negro should be appointed to a place wanted by a white man. Of such mental fibre was this notorious league composed. Better be it for the race that it adjourn sine die, and each individual return to his daily occupation and earn his honest bread in the sweat of his face, than to so carelessly handle such a sharp instrument as practical politics, without the necessary strength of character to wield it. The independent Negro in Kentucky hereby serves notice that he has followed the flag of Republicanism thus far, but no farther, and that the gubernatorial campaign in this State next ensuing will be fought upon high grounds and to the bitter end.

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Mr. Bartley Graves, of Buffalo, N. Y., has returned home after a pleasant visit to his Kentucky friends, who made his stay a continuous round of pleasure.

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Miss Maggie Coleman, of Lexington, Ky., was entertained Christmas at breakfast by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, 1408 West Walnut street, and by Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Miller, 535 South Fourteenth street. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, Mr. Jas. Slaughter, Mrs. Luella Leachman, Miss Johnnetta Raphy, Miss Lulu Lilly, Mrs. Sam Brockdale, Miss Millie Purdy, Miss Jennie Hicks, Mr. J. Davis and Mr. Charlie Williams. She was also entertained at luncheon by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bailey.

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Mr. James Briggs, of West Baden, will spend the winter in the city, being located at the Climax Cafe, 918 West Walnut street.

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Mr. Geo. Waddy, of West Baden, is in town for a week's visit.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones, of 504 South Eleventh street, entertained Thursday, from 6 to 9 p. m., in honor of Mrs. Pauline Humphrey, of Washington, D. C.

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A bunch of Pastime Pleasure boys enjoyed themselves at a box party, New Year's night, after which they took supper at the Lyre Cafe, at 1003 West Walnut street. Amnog those present were: Judge J. P. Thomas, president; Eugene Dickerson, toastmaster; Pete Walker, proprietor of the cafe; Archie Morris, Thos. Keesee, Robt. Miller.

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Mesrss. Wm. Lane and Irving Sly, of West Baden, both princely gentlemen, patrons of clean sport, were with us during the holiday week.

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Mr. J. R. Trott, of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. James Malone. Mr. Trott was recently installed secretary of the Appomattox Club, at his home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Long, of 642 South Thirteenth street, received for their Christmas present a ten-pound baby girl. The mother is doing well and the "dad" is proud as possible.

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Mrs. Nan Smith, of French Lick, is in the city with her old friend, Miss Henrietta Scott, 924 West Magazine street.

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Misses Margaret M. and Anna C. Gowdy have returned to their scheols, after a delightful visit with their sister, Mrs. Lizzie B. Woolridge, 616 South Twelfth street.

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Miss Pauline Clark, of Texas, spent the holidays with Mrs. Lizzie R. Woolridge, of 616 South Twelfth street.

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Mr. Geo. Gowdy Tailor, of Springfield, made a flying visit to his sister, Mrs. Lizzie B. Woolridge, 616 South Twelfth street.

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Mrs. John Carr, of 616 South Twelfth street, who has been visiting her mother at Evansville, has returned home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown entertained Mr. and Mrs. Basil Purdy, Mrs. Wm. Prather, Mrs. Nannie L. Lee, Miss Eva Gaddie, Ben Hayes, Mrs. Blanche Redd and Master Geo. Redd, Thursday evening, December 29, 1910.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Calhoun entertained a few friends at their residence, 767 South Clay street, Wednesday evening.

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Miss P. B. Roberts gave an informal reception at her residence, 425 South Thirteenth street, Friday evening, and an enjoyable time was spent. Covers were laid for nine.

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Waiters' and Cooks' Alliance, Local 261, held their annual smoker at their headquarters, 429 South Fifth street, Friday night, December 23. Their membership is now 126. About 75 or 80 were present. A number of good talks were made by members of the craft. The festivities closed with an enjoyable luncheon. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: W. H. Thomas, president; H. S. Rosborough, first vice president; R. B. Loder, second vice president; Chas. W. Watts, business agent and financial secretary; W. H. Alexander, recording secretary; F. Hopwood, treasurer; Wm. Slaughter, chaplain; Nathan Booker, inspector. Trustees: J. H. Humes, Sam Martin; Ernest Diggs, chairman.

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Mrs. William Sims, of Chicago, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams, and were entertained at a New Year's luncheon by Mrs. Emma Pryor, 518 Lampton street.

The Misses Skillman, of 1412 South First street, had a New Year's entertainment, Monday night. Music and dancing till the "wee sma' hours."

Mr. "Chappie" Wilkins, of West Baden, is visiting his family, at 553 West street. "Chappie" is one of the most popular men of the town and liked by all. He gave many toksn of his best wishes for the Christmas and was entertained by all the boys.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jas. K. Steel, of Chicago, were visiting relatives and friends during the holidays, and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Taylor. They left for home on the 1st.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Baskett celebrated their golden wedding during the holidays. They have seven grown sons.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bates, of 612 South Twelfth street, entertained in honor of Miss Carrie Parks, during the holidays. Those present were: Miss Belle Smith, Miss Annie B. Pittman, Mr. Albert Pittman, Mr. John Den, Miss Estella Russell, Mr. Charles Carr, Mr. Chas. Lonas, Miss Henrietta Louder, Miss Beatrice Bailey, Miss Madeline Bailey, and others.

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Mr. Clarence Leonard, of Cincinnati, tax collector, was here in Louisville to pay a visit to his mother. While here he visited his old friend and was entertained by Geo. S. Baker and Mr. Slaughter, of The Freeman. We are glad to see Mr. Leonard making such fast strides in the political, fraternal and Christian world.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

(Thompson's National News Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the spacious Howard Theatre was filled last Sunday afternoon with ladies and gentlemen, called there to witness the New Years exercises given by the Y. M. C. A. The principal address of the day was by Rev. M. W. D. Norman, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist church. His subject was "The Mighty vs. the Almighty." His central thought was that human life is inspired by one of two forces—good or evil. The speaker was introduced by Prof. L. B. Moore of Howard University. The scripture lesson was read by President E. J. Mortom of the Y. M. C. A. The work was described by Attorney Zeph P. Moore. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. C. Garner. Addresses were delivered Secretary Cooper of the Central Association, and Secretary Johnson, of the colored branch.

The singing of Miss Minnie Brown was delightful, and won much applause from the audience. She was accompanied by the Coleridge-Taylor stringed instrument quartet.

The Lyric orchestra, led by Prof. W. D. Gi'es, contributed its share to the music of the day.

Next Sunday, January 8, Major D. E. McPherson, o fthe British army, champion bagpiper of Scotland, will render selections on the babpige, and A. D. Sutherland, of Indiana, wil speak. This meeting will be held in True Reformers' hall.

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Y. M. C. A. May Secure Additional $25,000.

It is thought that the Y. M. C. A. will be able to secure the $5,000 offered by Julius Rosenwald, the Chicago merchant, who has offered that amount to the colored Y. M. C. A. of any city who will spend $75,000 for a building. The building here is to cost $75,000. As the furnishings will run the total up to $100,000, it will be sen that the Rosenwald money, if granted, will mean the immediate completion of the magnificent structure on Twelfth street. The dedication is hoped for within a few weks. President Taft has shown the deepest interest in the venture. Secretaries Cooper and Johnson are in constant comunication with Chicago, in an effort to land the Rosenwald donation.

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Dr. Shepard to Go to Africa.

Dr. James E. Shepard, the president and founder of the National Religious Training School at Durham, N. C., announces he will visit Africa in the early summer months. He wishes to study conditions of the Negroes in that country with a view of determining what kind of instruction is best suited to them before finally deciding upon the plans for the Midical Missionary building, which is to be erected in the near future in connection with the school at Durham. This building will have facilities for hospital service, medical instruction and a course for trained nurses.

Dr. Shepard will take an active part in promoting the conference of the Friends of Africa at Tuskegee next January, instigated by Booker T. Washington.

Dr. Shepard is doing a great work for his race in the South.

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Rev. J. S. Jackson, secretary of A. M. E. Zion church, will preach Sunday morning at Galbraith A. M. E. Zion church. He says the past year was the best ever in the history of the church at Varick in a financial manner, he paying out in December $25,000. He handled many of the details in the purchase of the Varick Memorial church in Philadelphia, which cost $65,000. One loan was for $2,000, and was the largest made by an individual. Dr. Jackson is being urged by Bishop G. W. Clinton and others to take the pastorate of Price Memorial A. M. E. Zion church at Atlantic City. It is probable he will be elected to one of the vacancies on the bench of the Zion Bishops at the general conference at Charlotte in 1912.

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The Council of Upper Classmen of Howard University.

A large audience attended the annual holiday reception of the council or upper classmen of Howard University at Odd Fellow hall Tuesday evening. President of the council, James C. Waters, Jr., of the law class of 1911, received the visitors. The Lyric orchestra furnished excellent music. The hall was decorated with the college insignia and pannants. The decorations were arranged by the young ladies of Miner Hall of Howard University. The supper was a dainty affair. The grand march was led by Prof. G. W. Cook, dean of the commercial department of Howard University.

The reception committee and others in charge of the reception left no stone unturned in order to make the banquet a complete success.

The officers of the council are: President, James C. Waters, Jr.; S. E. Harris, vice president; C. E. Allen, secretary; U. L. Huston, coresponding secretary, and A. McDowell, first assistant secretary; C. P. Murphy, second assistant secretary; C. H. Garvin, treasurer; H. L. Scott, parliamentarian; Warren H. Logan, reporter; R. C. Wilson, sergeant at arms, and T. B. Livingston, chaplain.

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Mr. Herbert D. Myers, of the Howard Theatre, gave a box party in honor of Miss Dorothy Chestnut, of Cleveland, O., Thursday matinee at the Howard Theatre. Many prominent people were the guests of the party. Luncheon followed at Martin's Cafe.

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The 107th anniversary of the independence of the Haitian republic was duly observed last Monday at the Haitian legation, 1429 Rhode Island avenue.

The Down in Dixie Minstrels are taking the audiences by storm at the New Howard Theatre this week.

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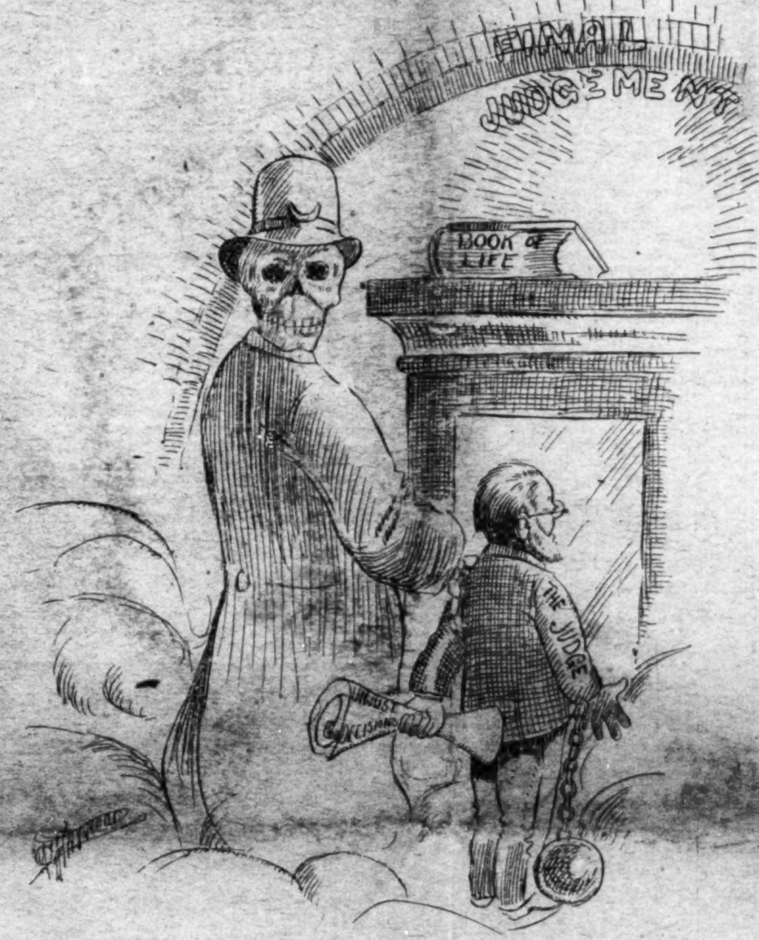

Knoweth thou not, O Judge, thou shalt be Judged.

PIQUA, O.

Current Events of the Week in Church and Social Life.

At Park Avenue Baptist church Sunday morning Rev. P. Everett preached a very able and soul-stirring sermon. There was a good attendance at this service and each member and friend attending these services made a birthday ohering by giving a penny for each year they had lived. At night the envelopes were opened and the name and age of the donor read, and several were one hundred years old, which made a very handsome collection....At Cyrene A. M. E. church, Rev. J. A. Collins, pastor, a large crowd assembled to worship on the first day of the year. The pastor preached a very inspiring sermon In the afternoon the union meeting of Park Avenue Baptist, Rev. Everett pastor, and Cyrene A. M. E., Rev. Collins, pastor, was a spiritual feast, which resulted in commencing a week of prayer at Cyrene A. M. E. church....Border City Lodge, No. 16, K. of P., had the following officers installed by District Grand Deputy Harry Elliott, of Dayton, Ohio: W. L. Johnson, C. C.; Leslie Wall, K. of R. and S.; Wm. Wilson, P. C. C.; Elmer Brown, V. C. C.; Louis Pelliford, Prelate; W. M. Lowery, master of finances; G. Giles, exchequer; Starlio Bolden, master of arms; John Baily, inner guard; Chas. Brown, outer guard....Uniform Rank, Elite Company, held their grand military ball, which was a grand success and very largely attended by many visitors from surrounding town. You may rest with a surety that Company I, U. R. K. of P. will be seen at the encampment of the supreme lodge at Indianapolis, Ind....Phillipe lodge, No. 2204, held its obligation of officers of the next term. They are as follows: Arthur Smith N. G.; J. C. Williams, P. N. F.; W. M. Wilsoe, advocate; W. M. Jones, V. G.; D. A. Moss, elect secretary; W. L. Johnson, recording secretary; Samuel illH, chaplatn; Edward Johnson, warden; John Gillian, inner guardian; W. O. Hill, outer guardian; Geo. Moss, treasurer.....Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson, of Canada, are here visiting relatives and friends....Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reeco, of Hamilton, O., spent the holidays with relatives and friends....Harvey Taylor, the noted cake walker, has accepted a position in Piqua ....Mr. and Mrs. John Espey are visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kendall.

FRENCH LICK.

Mr. Media Wing, of West Baden, gave a Christmas dinner December 25th in honor of his father-in-law, Capt. Ashby, of Louisville, Ky. Covers were laid for ten. Those present from French Lick were Jas. M. Cook, Wm. L. Jackson, Louis Shockincy, J. P. Cook, from Baden Dudley Sebree, Otis Burnette, Harry Pollard, Geo. W. Waddy and Joseph Fowler. The guests were seated just at nine o'clock while Mrs. Wing rendered a selection from Sousa, namely, "Charlatan." Mr. Wing did himself proud in sparing no pains regardless of the high cost of provisions. The guests were served with all the good things of the season, whiskey cocktails, beer, wine, egg nogg and cigars, abundantly. John P. Cook was toastmaster, and the following toasts were given: "Colored Pythian" Jas. M. Cook; "Wasted Opportunity," W. L. Jackson; "Why a Kentuckian Drinks Whiskey," Capt. Ashby; "Will There be a Separate Coach in Heaven," Col. Joseph Fowler; "No Doubt of Social Equality in Hell," Otis Burnette. After the toasts we drank and smoked until the wee-wee hours and then went home, singing that beautiful ballad, composed and sung by Dudley Sebree, "When Otis makes up." This is the refrain:

Just as I droped into a cafe
I thought I heard some one say—
Everybody take a drink;
They all take whiskey, wine and beer
But I wanted mine mixed
But before they got to me, I woke up
And then I realized I was cheated out of
a drink.

PAST WEEK AT CHICAGO

CITY WILL HAVE ELEGANT Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR CAMPAIGN

Norman W. Harris and Julian Rosenwald Give Pledge for Nucleus—Pledge is National—Great Advantage to Negroes.

By Sylvester Russell.

New Year's day was the most unspeakable day of moral, social and religious joy that has mingled upon the 50,000 young men of the Negro race in the Windy City.

Chicago is to have an enormous modern perfectly equipped colored Young Men's Christian Association. This was the conclusion reached at a meeting held at Odd Fellows' Hall, 3335 State street, at 4:00 p. m. The building is to cost $150,000.

This was practically assured by donations of $25,000, each promsied by Norman W. Harris, president of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank, and Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., on conditions that $75,000 additional be raised within six months.

There were 500 colored men representatives present when the pledges were mad.

All Arrangements have been made by the leaders of the Y. M. C. A. and of the colored people in the city to rush the campaign through to a successful conclusion. Two hundred and fifty young men, the pick of the colored community, are in training for the hard work of raising $50,000 from the people of their race. A third $50,000 will be raised by the board of managers of the Metropolitan Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Rosenwald's pledge, however, is not limited to Chicago. He bound himself to give the same sum for the same purpose to any community in the United States that complies with the same conditions, that is, raise $75,000 additional within five years, and secures the indorsement of the Y. M. C. A.

Will Be of Great Advantage to Negro Youths.

The importance of Mr. Rosenwald's proposal of an unlimited national benefaction to the colored race it is impossible to overestimate, in the eyes of the colored people of Chicago. It is looked upon as the inauguration of a new era in the history of the race—an era of practical co-operation and assistance from the white race and of spiritual, mental and physical advancement.

Mr. Harris, who announced his own gift after Mr. Rosenwald had spoken, minimied the personal generosity by the praise he gave his fellow benefactor.

"Mr. Rosenwald's gift," he said, "will stimulate the colored race throughout the country. It will furnish many centers throughout the country from which will radiate not only fresh hope but powerful educative and uplifting forces.

"I do not hesitate to say that Mr. Rosenwald's gift will prove to be the most important benefaction the colored race has received since the emancipation proclamation."

Mr. Rosenwald in his address frankly and feelingly explained how it came that he, a Jew, was making a gift to the Negro race through a Christian association.

Why Mr. Rosenwald Is Negroes' Benefactor.

He was inspired, he said, by a deep sympathy for a race which, like his own, for many centuries, lived in a flourishing civilization deprived of a "square deal," of an equal chance. He felt it a fit memorial to the past persecutions of his race and to its present trimuph that he should aid in the relief and uplifting of another race similarly situated.

As to his choice of the Y. M. C. A. as a medium, he bases that on the same reasons given by Mr. Harris—an observance of the efficiency, sincerity, economy and stability of the institution. He had come to the conclusion as a business man after a long and careful study that in no other way could he insure such efficient management for his trust, and such excellent educative and recreative results for the people sought to be benefitted.

Elaborate preparation had been made to see that the movement was launched properly. All of the men present were there by special invitation. Edward P. Bailey, president of the association, was present and spoke, and the announcement of the gifts was preceded by a stereopticon lecture on "The World-Wide Work of the Young Men's Christian Association," by L. Wilbur Messer, general secretary of the association in Chicago.

Secretary Moorland Plans Big Canvass

J. E. Moorland, of Washington, D. C., international colored secretary of Young Men's Christian Associations, presided at the meeting and will be in active charge of the campaign for subscriptions among the colored people of the city.

The campaign will consist of a ten day canvass to begin Wednesday morning. The 250 picked colored men have been organied into teams, and will systematically canvass 10,000 clored men, whose names have been tabulated.

They will be able to show to those whom they ask for contributions just what the colored community will receive, for plans for the $150,000 structure have already been tentatively agreed upon. It will include all the up to date Y. M. C. A. equipment, a gymnasium, 80x50 feet, a swimming tank, 25x60 feet, ten or more shower baths, four bowling alleys, a homelike social center, employment bureau, reading rooms, library, night school for commercial and industrial courses, a lecture hall for religious meetings, lectures and entertainments.

The new Y. M. C. A. building will be in the center of the district bounded by Twenty-fourth and Forty-seventh streets and Wabash and Wentworth avenues, in which over 50,000 Negroes live. It will be organically a part of the Metropolitan Y. M. C. A. of Chicago, and will be under the direction of its board of trustees and board of managers.

Cordial Attitude of Hebrews no Surprise.

The cordial attitude of the Hebrew or American Jewish extraction is no surprise to the knowing ones of the Negro race. Nor is Mr. Rosenwald's declaration new to The Freeman readers. Where it is a startingly new reminder to the write race of the nation, it was only a few years ago that I personall ypraised the American Jews as prime factors in advancing Negro actors into the ascendency of musical comedy stars. I had reiterated what Mr. Rosenwald has been the first white American to express. I had told in The Freeman that the Hebrew managers had advanced the Negro race of performers for spite, and Actors Hogan, Cole, Walker and Shipp had all agreed that the fact was no doubt true.

Why Harris and Rosenwald's Names Will Live.

With the organization of Y. M. C. A.s the true meaning of Christianity in America had a setback when the Negro boys began to come into the Y. M. C. A. only to be ignored, and at last ostracised with nowhere to wander to receive a moral blessing; and this lack of essential interest which the white race, hte surviving sons of slaveholders, had pailed to place upon the weaker race, made criminals of Negro outcasts and lazy pimps of those whose mulatto beauty was unfortunate for the white man. Hence the white man has been hampered by the social problem, a male social problem of no importance built upon color differences which it took him several years to solve.

The solution of the problem has just been made by Norman W. Harris and Julius Rosenwald, who come as a Lincoln and a Sumner and as a refuge into a field that is greater and more valuable to the upbuilding of the Negro race than any other effort or institution, save the work of Booker T. Washington. The names of Harris and Rosenwald will live if the money is all raised and the building completed.

The Douglas Center, Negro Fellowship League cannot be overlooked for its part in the beterment of moral and spiritual conditions in Chicago.

The Y. M. C. Work in a few years will mean that young men will be cultivated in intelligence, that young girls will be lifted up; and the names of these two beefactors will live as monuments to this great work.

DECATUR (ILL.) NOTES.

Holiday Doings—Where People Are Visiting, Etc.

About seventy-five people attended the Union watch party at the Antioch Baptist Church, last Saturday. Short sermons were preached by Revs. Price, King and Fields. Rev. J. T. Morrow and Rev. Crockett made short talks at the conclusion of the other speeches....Many visitors spent a few days with their relatives or friends in Decatur during the past week. Among them are Mrs. Mattie Turner, of Cairo, who is here attending the bedside of her boy, who has been sick for some time....Mrs. Wright, of Bloomington, is visiting Mrs. Mollie Metlock, and also her sister, Mrs. Anna Jerden, of Jacksonville, Ill....Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fields, of Palmer, are here visiting Mrs. Fields' mother, Mrs. Dewey Roe, of Walnut Grove....Mrs. E. N. Morrow, wife of Rev. Morrow, will leave the 11th of January for St. Augustine, Fla., to visit Rev. Morrow's sister....Mrs. Bertha Willey and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Payne, of Springfield, were in the city last week, the guests of Mrs. Mark Cummings....Mrs. Mary Woodford, the leading hairdresser of Danville, who died last Tuesday, was buried at her old home in this city last Thursday....Miss T. Brooks has returned from Indianapolis, where she spent a week with her sister, Mrs. Rennie Seers....Willie and David Cannon, of Centralia, Ill., are in the city, visiting their aunt, Mrs. Thomas Cannon....Mrs. Thompson has returned from Paducah, Ky., where she was called to attend the bedside of her father, whom she left much improved....The Sewing Circle of St. Peter's A. M. E. Church gave their annual winter picnic Friday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Anna Bronner. Refreshments were served. The picnic was well attended and every one enjoyed the affair....Mr. Moses King, of Chicago, spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. Jane King. Mrs. King's daughter, of Clinton, Ill., also visited her. ....Rev. J. T. Morrow and wife, Miss Letitia Moore and Miss Corine Blanton have been invited to an annual 'possum feast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry White, on Sigel street....Miss Amanda Geer is on the road to recovery, after an illness of four weeks....Miss Edith Thompson and Mrs. Mollie Moore were reported ill last week, but are much improved....Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pryor spent Sunday in Buffalo, Ill., visiting relatives....Mr. Edward Gray, of the Howard Medical College, of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gray....Mr. Jack Roberts, of Mounds, Ill., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Daniels, who have been visiting in this city as the guests of their daughters, Mrs. John Cebolt and Mrs. W. Jefferson, have returned to their home at Wabash, Ind....Mrs. M. W. McCloud is on the sick list....Mrs. S. L. Henderson has left for Chicago, Ill., where she will visit her aunt, Mrs. Katie Lewis ....Mrs. Anna Brown, who is stopping at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. E. Gregory, 84 Fonda avenue, is still on the sick list ....Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kitzmiller and Mrs. George Grant spent last Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cheatham....Rev. E. E. Gregory, the Dwarf wood, coal and coke dealer, is working up quite a trade....Mr. B. Daniels, who has been visiting in this city as the guest of his sisters, Mrs. J. Cebolt and Mrs. W. Jefferson, has returned to his home in Kokomo, Ind....Mrs. S. L. Henderson and Mrs. Dora Griffin entertained at a New Year's party last Monday evening....Mrs. C. M. Cross, an old resident of this city, passed away Thursday, December 29, at 1:30 p. m. Funeral services were held at the Second Baptist church, Rev. R. Gillard of Ann Arbor, officiating. Interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON

A New Year Melody.

Don't let the song go out of your life;
Though it chance some time to flow
In a minor strain, it will blend again
With the major tone you know.
What though shadows rise to obscure life's skies,
And hide for a time the sun;
They sooner will lift, and reveal the rift,
If you will let the melody run.

Don't let the song go out of your life;
Let it ring in the soul while here;
And when you go hence it shall follow you thence,
And sing on another sphere.
Then do not despond and say that the fond,
Sweet songs of your life have flown;
For if ever you knew a song that was true,
Its music is still your own.

"Who's looney now?"

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"Whither are we drifting?"

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President Taft is willing to run again.

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Going back on friends is a poor way of forging to the front.

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It is the non-esentials that take up most of a fellow's time.

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This is the season when we make the annual "H-2-O" resolution.

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Liberia offers great possibilities to the Negro with the pioneer spirit.

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The movement of the Negro to the cities is not helping either the cities or the Negro.

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The most effectual way in which to fight the average bully is to let him severely alone.

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That genial Indianian, Charles Warren Fairbanks, is too good a man to remain out of public life. He will come back.

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It cost a Kansas City man $100 to spank his "better half" in the old-fashioned way. Thus is the cost of living increased.

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Prof. S. Douglass Russell, a prominent editor and educator of Taft, Okla., has announced his permanent allegiance to the democratic party.

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Put it down as a fact that any law designed to hold a Negro back will also hold some white men back. Conditions have no regard for theories.

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Some very accurate calculating instruments will be required between now and 1912 to determine just what political party a number of distinguished statesmen belong to.

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The census returns show that Chicago now has 12,000 Negro voters. Most of them know how to use the franchise scientifically, as shown by the rich results they are garnering.

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Colored New Yorkers want colored policemen. Timothy Thomas Fortune is needed in Gotham to pull off the kind of an agitation that might land a number of Afro-American blue-coats.

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Hampton is already making preparations for taking care of the meeting of the National Medical Association in August. Little Rock is on the job for the National Negro Business League for the same month.

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Fred C. Payne, a messenger in the office of the Auditor of State, Columbus, Ohio, made the highest percentage in a recent examination for a position in the Treasury Department and will be given the appointment. His rating was 96.4.

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Chaplain and Mrs. G. W. Prioleau, Ninth cavalry, United States army, and Prof. and Mrs. W. W. Fisher, of the Western University, have our most sincere congratulations. "It's a girl" in both cases and all the principals are doing well.

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The Wagoner (Okla.) American, a brililantly-edited sheet, published by L. A. Bell and C. T. Hume, has purchased a unotype machine, and have made other improvements that bring their paper and printing plant up to the minute.

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Lawyer J. S. Fitts, of Winston-Salem, N. C., is the head of the Knights of Pythias of that State and has made a phenomenal record as Grand Chancellor. He has an excellent practice and is well thought of by both whites and blacks in his bailiwick.

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The cost of living will not be reduced until rounders stop buying ten cents worth of booze to gain the right to consume two cents worth of "free lunch."

It is a lucky young man who finds out early in life that faking pays the poorest dividends.

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Dr. N. E. Jackson, who lives in the rich cotton belt at Laurinburg, N. C., is the owner of one of the finest high-powered automobiles in the State. Prof. W. P. Evans, of the same place, conducts one of the best-equipped dry goods and notion stores in his section of North Carolina.

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Our good friend "Tim" Fortune, carries a high-powered motor, but he has, as yet, failed to wake up sleepy old Philadelphia. We said at the outset, and repeat it now, the Quaker City is too tame a proposition for the meteoric and mercurial New Yorksr. Back to Manhattan Isle for Timothy, if he would be seen at his best.

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The Baltimore Afro-American Ledger signalizes its contempt for the "segregation ordinance" by serving notice that with the beginning of the new year it will move into quarters on Eutaw street, in a district reserved for white tenants. Editor John H. Murphy is one of those battlers who believe in going in person into the thickest of the fray.

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Nick Chiles, the virile editor of the Topeka Plaindealer, is out in a well-tempered brochure against the dancing craze, which he says is monopolizing the time of our best young men and endangering the health and oftimes morals of our most promising young women. The article is worthy the thoughtful attention of our fathers and mothers.

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Tuskegee Institute is to be the scene of the first really practical effort in behalf of the redemption of the Dark Continent. The meeting of "The Friends of Africa," to be held this month will attract the attenetion of the civilized world, and offers the first comprehensive system of civilization to the land that is now in the best condition to receive it.

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Contractor Marshall, who is putting up the handsome Love Building at Wagoner, Okla., is a Tuskegee graduate. The Wagoner American, speaking of Mr. Marshall, says, "He has demonstrated to the public that he has received the proper instruction in architecture and designing." That is what they get in all branches of practical service at thorough-going Tuskegee.

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T. Thomas Fortune, in a critical forecast of the political future of the Negro, gives voice to the fear that democratic success in 1912 may mean the repeal of the "War Amendments." He thinks he sees the requisite number of states in favor of such a revolution, and that it may have the sympathy of the reconstructed Supreme Court of the United States, on a straight show of hands.

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The loss of the big building of the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company at 46th street and 8th avenue, New York, has given an impetus to the project for the erection of a suitable auditorium in Manhattan for the accommodation of the numerous lodges, societies, conventions and business enterprises that have been housed in this place for some time past. Miss Irene L. Moorman, one of the nation's most resourceful and public-spirited women, has on foot a very satisfactory plan for raising $100,000 for the erection of just the kind of an auditorium, office building and banquet hall that New York so sorely needs. It will pay any Negro with money to invest to write to Miss Moorman, at 83 West 134th street, New York City.

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It is pleasing to hear of our old friend, W. Allison Sweeney, as foreman of a jury in the Circuit court of Cook county--Chicago. Col. Sweeney is missed from the journalistic profession which he once adorned. There may not be much money in wielding the tripod, but the glare of the limelight shows Col. Sweeney's hyperion curl to advantage and he ought to be in the center of the picture.

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Chicago is struggling with a new manifestation of the "race problem." The "old cits" are greatly worried because the large number of newcomers from the South are agitating for separate schols, separate Y. M. C. A.'s and a tighter drawing of the color-line. Those who have lived in Chicago under the old "mixed" conditions insist that the race should "stand pat," and refuse to "jim-crow" themselves.

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Assistant United States Attorney W. H. Lewis, a master of figurative language, has faith in the uplifting power of the work the race is doing along substantial lines throughout the South. He says that no longer are the eyes of the Negro turned only toward the North Star for hope and encouragement; the race is learning that salvation, after all, lies in clinging faithfully to the Southern Cross.

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The "Short Flights" man is grateful to the Wagoner American, the Dodson News Syndicate, the Mobile Weekly Press, the Florida Sentinel, the Star of Zion and many others for encouraging comments. We are also in receipt of many private letters from individuals of prominence who express appreciation of the effort we are making to place before the world the bright side of the Negro's life story.

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The Odd Fellows' Journal says at the close of the last biennial period the G. U. O. of O. F. showed a net increase in membership approximately of 75,000, bringing the total numerical strength of the order up to more than 425,000. This increase indicates a net gain of about six per cent. A campaign for additional members will be inaugurated at once and it is expected that the half-million mark will be reached before the next B. M. C.

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The meeting of the Lone Star Medical Association at Austin, Texas, was a remarkable gathering of scientific men of the race. Dr. C. V. Roman, Nashville's famous eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, was the guest of honor and performed three notable operations involving diseases of these organs. Dr. J. R. N. J. Jackson, of Greenville, Texas, was elected president of the association. The next session wil be held at San Antonio.

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The Negro need not be unduly alarmed over the failure of our banks and fraternal organiations. Those that have gone under were not run on business lines or by the right men. The investors from now on should see that honest and experienced managers are placed in control of their interests and make closer note of themethods employed. We must not lose confidence in the capacity of the race to handle finance, simply because a few shaky concerns have gone to the wall.

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Bishop J. W. Hood, of the A. M. E. Zion church, is opposed to the plan to retire Bishops of his church on $600 as they reach the age of seventy years. The venerable prelate is now past eighty and is still rendering active service presiding over his share of the conferences and raising more than the average amount of revenue for the general fund. Bishop Hood has not amassed a fortune. He has given his time and the best there is in him for the upbuilding of his beloved church. He purposes to "die in the harness."

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Referring to the Washington Party in North Carolina, Dr. J. B. Dudley, the affable president of the Greensboro A. and M. College, writes: "Not a more congenial party ever spent a week together. Men of quality were brought together into the closest personal contact, and friendships were cemented in a fashion that could not have been brought about in any other way. Every member of the party is stronger in his work and feels kindlier toward humanity by reason of this historic tour of the greatest State in the South."

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The fellows who fought the National Negro Press Association at the outset do not seem any better satisfied, even though a "real editor" is now at the head of the organization. Things will never go right until all of these soreheads are elected to the presidency, because no one of them will accept the leadership of any of the other kickers. The Press Association is better off without any of the "boneheads" who, for selfish and personal reasons, refused to fall into line at the start. President Lewey intends to have peace in the organization, if he has to lick somebody to get it.

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The Masonic grand lodge of Mississippi did the wisest thing of its life in electing Charles Banks as secretary-treasurer at the recent session at Holly Springs. Mr. Banks has been most successful filling out the unexpired term of Dr. E. E. erkins, who died last year. A feature of the convention was the report of Mr. Banks, who laid upon the altar $10,000 in cash money for the Masonic Benefit Association. Mr. Banks is the controlling spirirt of the prosperous Negro city of Mound Bayou, and is the commercial magnate of the race in the Southland.

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It is the established custom of the National Negro Business League to oscillate between the East and West, North and South. Ordinarily, the next meeting following would be in a northeasterly direction. Philadelphia is the only metropolis near the Atlantic seaboard in which no meeting of the National League has been held, and it would have the best chance in the world, if it would only wake up, organize a strong local body and extend satisfactory invitation. Otherwise, unless all signs fail, there will be a practically unanimous vote for Chicago for the session of 1912.

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In urging the establishment of local Business Leagues in every community, Dr. Washington does well to point out the mistake that most communities are guilty of in waiting for a large membership before trying to get down to work. "The great movements of the world," said Dr. Washington in a recent address, "are initiated and pushed on to success by the few heroic and public-spirited people who see and feel what must be done, and go at it as if they were appointed fro mon high." A League can start with two, and if they are in earnest the number will steadily grow, until the entire locality is inspired to join the band.

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The National Independent Political League is controlled by honest men, who believe that there should be a division of the Negro vote on economic and general lines. Bishop Alexander Walters, Rev. J. Milton Waldron, Rev. S. L. Corrothers, Editors G. C. Clement and G. L. Knox, are finding a great many thoughtful and far-seeing colored men who think it well to make an effort to place the democratic party under some obligation to treat the colored man with proper consideration should that party secure control of the government. It is conceded that it is dangerous for any race to be regarded as the slave of one great party and the natural enemy of the other.

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It is a narrow spirit that moves too many of our newspaper folks to decline to publish an item, no matter how helpful it may be, because the same has appeared in some other paper. It should be borne in mind that the great bulk of our people see only one Negro journal, and if these articles, indicative of race progress, are not widely circulated through publication in the various localities, they are lost to ninety-nine per cent of the element they are designed to benefit. The rich dailies of the land use the service of the Associated Press in common and reach everybody from a single center. If they can see advantage in a syndicated service, surely it is no disgrace for our struggling weeklies to accept matter that is not—and should not be—"exclusive."

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Baltimore, where the colored citizens show a degree of progress scarcely equalled by any other city in the country, is destined to have a barrel of trouble over her new ordinance which segregates the Negroes into Negro neighborhoods. The first test case involves an agent who permitted a colored family to rent a house on Argyle avenue, upon which there are colored tenants, but where the bulk of the residents are white. The law holds the tenant and owner equally liable for a violation of the ordinance. The general belief is that the law is unconstitutional, and many white property owners who thus find their property unrentable and unsalable are anxious to have it so declared. The fight over the matter promises to be bitter and will be watched with interest by both races all over the country.

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In many respects, the freest and most helpful address delivered by Dr. Booker T. Washington during his recent tour of North Carolina was that given at Laurinburg in a base ball park to a massive gathering of cotton-planters and cotton-workers. The occasion was made picturesque by the fact that on three sides of the field were broad fields of cotton, the bolls of which were snow-white, ready to be picked for the market, to provide sustenance for the farmers who paused to listen and to further enrich the wealthy owners who sat spellbound upon the rude platform, wondering what manner of man this was who came to be the tie that bound the masses and the classes. The "Wizard" never spoke out more plainly concerning the relationship that must exist between blacks and whites, if the best results were to be attained.

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At present the race has only three traveling correspondents who are giving their entire time to the work. These are Charles Stewart, Horace D. Slatter and George F. King. They are masters of the reporting art and their matter is in constant demand by the great dailies of the Southland. They make a specialty of handling the big meetings, conferences, etc., in which the most prominent Negro ministers, teachers and busines factors take part, and the white editors realize that only through such well-informed and widely-acquainted colored writers like Stewart, Slatter and King can they secure the facts they desire. These faithful servitors make a living at the reportorial calling, but are far from being compensated in proportion to their true worth. But for them, few of our men and fewer of our helpful movements would have had a "look in" in the gallery of fame.

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The Amsterdam News, published in "Lil Old Noo Yawk" by the energetic and nervy J. H. Anderson, is a lusty yearling, and speaks right out in the meeting. In a single year it has developed a bona fide circulation of 6,000, has a heavy line of paying advertisements, and is giving all the old-liners a tussle for the first place in Negro journalism. The phenomenal growth of the Amsterdam News gives eminent satisfaction to all who keep their eyes open on the things that are being done, as well as the things that ought to be done, in the nation's metropolis. The success of the National Negro Press Association of 1910 was due in the largest measure to the loyalty and indefatigable labors of Editor Anderson, reinforced by his great and good friend, N. B. Dobson, who has pushed the American Press Association's inspiring Negro page to a glittering agency for racial uplift. "Keep on keepin' on," brethren!

FIVE THINGS THE NEGRO MUST DO TO BE SAVED.

By Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, A. M.

The Negro should endeavor to make his religion more practical. He is entirely too emotional. On the slightest provocation he gets too happy at the church, to even hear the advice given in a real good sermon. He keeps up such a racket of foot-patting, hand-clapping and hollowing "Amen" that he misses the substance. Suppose we stop and think over what is being said and then get happy. This is true of the mass. We are entirely too effervescent. Our religion has too much sodium bi-carbonate in it. Like soda water, it is nearly all foam. Christ promises to be in use, a well of water and not a tank of soda. What do I mean by "practical" religion. Thinking noble thoughts, doing noble deeds—they may be small, but they are none the less noble—helping our fellowman to do likewise, telling the truth, paying our debts and working to maintain ourselves and those dependent upon us, loving God with all our hearts, and loving our neighbor too much to do him an injury. This is "practical" religion, and is the only kind that will insure the advancement of the race. The destructive element makes progress slow. We must join the constructive forces and build up. The religion that will not make you do this, is not the genuine article. Go back to the "mourner's bench" and get the brand marked "guaranteed to make you live right." This is heaven's brand, and nine-tenths of the people in our churches need it.

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The Negro has been looking for the president of the United States to appoint several men of distinction to office. He may be reserving the gift to hand down on New Years day, but some of us think that we have about all that we are going to get politically. Some one did say that President Taft has one more lemon for us. Let them come. The Negro will learn several things before March 4, 1912. The first thing that he will realize is that he is just learning the real value of the ballot, and that he was not sufficiently watchful when the first steps were taken to deprive him of it. Negro politicians did not teach the masses the value of the ballot as a weapon of defense in a democracy. As a result, they sold their birthright for a mess of pottage. The "upstairs" Negroes did not feel the loss then because they were being given a few "plums," to keep them quiet, until the masses were completely robbed and helpless. Now, they have no vote, and the demagogues have no jobs.

Statesmen without vision—clear and wide—scheming politicians of the lowest order, have reduced us to a voteless, powerless people, unable to demand the rights given us in the great Magna Charta. We have simply failed to teach the masses the essential, simple lessons of love, loyalty and duty to themselves and to their race and to their country, and we have lost. The white man is not as much responsible for the Negro's political loss as the Negro himself. The job-hunting, "me first" politician, who would sell heaven and mortgage purgatory for a "slice of pie" has simply traded us away. What shall we do to redeem that which we have lost

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The homes of the mass of our people are too far from ideal. They are too dirty and too Christless. The women who keep them, either know nothing or care less about sacred duties as mothers and home makers. Hundreds of these women almost "break up the meeting" when the preacher talks to them about heaven, with its "walls of jasper," "gates of pearl," "streets of gold" and "crystal fountains," in which to bathe our weary souls. The woman who will not keep a clean house, will hardly enjoy a clean heaven; and a woman who will not bathe her body in a tub will hardly bathe her soul in a "crystal fountain." Our homes are suffering, our children are being reared amid filth and dirt, surrounded by influences that will weaken them for life, morally, and yet, there is no united effort on the part of men and women of the race who know the conditions to address themselves to the work of reform and uplift. The Negro home must be reached, and while some of us will squirm, as we read these facts, plainly stated, we all know that the condition is appalling. Simply calling attention to these things will not remedy matters. We are willing to spend our lives in any movement, feasible and practical that will improve conditions.

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The Negro's greatest enemy is the saloon, and those who are anxious to see the race advance must fight this enemy on every ground. We may not be able to vote the saloon out of town, but we can vote it out of our homes and out of our churches. Men may make liquor and men may be put into office who are in favor of the saloon, but no manufacturer and no lawmaker can compel us to drink. If we cannot vote the saloon out of our town, we can vote the beer bucket out of our homes and the whiskey flask out of our pockets. If we cannot put into office men who are opposed to the saloon, we can put out of the pulpit men who do not stand for temperance. In fact, no man who is not out and out against the saloon should be permitted to preach the Gospel; and so it is that the church can do much towards breaking up the saloon by putting into the pulpit men who stand for an anti-saloon pulpit, an anti-saloon deacon board, an anti-saloon trustee board and and anti-soloon church. The saloon is the worst enemy the home has, and the pastor should certainly stand for the home, for upon its purity and strength the church must depend for growth.

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Perhaps the next greatest evil that is doing most to lead astray thousands of our young people, not only during the week, but on Sabbath, is the nickle theater. These places of amusement are demoralizing. Anything that absorbs the life at the exclusion of Christ is demoralizing. Abusing the young people will not help. The church must set over against the influence that is taking the young people away from the church and carrying them into the nickel theater, an influence just as strong and just as positive, that will bring them back to the church and away from the nickel theater. They are simply losing the young people, and the old people, too, without doing anything to counteract the influence and to constrain them to come back to the fold.

Something can be done, something should be done, and I trust that every Christian man and woman will say something must be done, and will get busy and do it.

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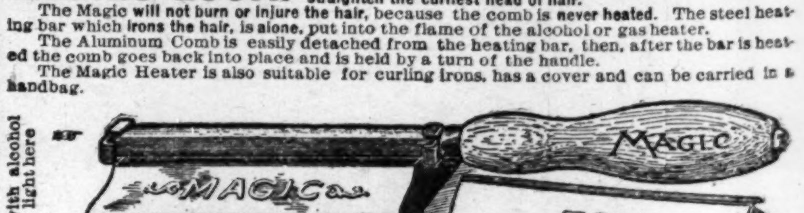

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FT. D. A. RUSSELL, Wyo.—On the night of December 7, 1910, the Ninth Cavalry band gave a concert in the barracks of Troop B, Ninth Cavalry, that was a revealation of what may be done with army musicians by intelligent instruction and patient, steady work.

Genius is not wholly a heaven given intellectuality. The divine gift, the disposition or aptitude of mind peculiar to each man that qualifies him for certain kinds of action or special success in a particular pursuit, if not supplemented by consistent effort, by stick-to-it-iveness of a high quality will not avail. True genius marks the man who, knowing his own mind, his capabilities, his deficiencies, draws his plans to the line and works, works, his mental eye fixed on the ideal, undaunted by failure, unsatisfied by partial attainment, throwing all his energies into his labors, filching from sleep the hours of night, until at last through a mist of mental and physical weariness he sees success.

These qualities have characterized the work of Mr. Wade H. Hammond, who came to the Ninth Cavalry band as the chief musician a year ago. He found the organization depleted by a Philippine tour, and equipped with obsolete instruments, and at once began his work of reorganization and equipment. In these efforts he was encouraged and assisted by the regimental commander and the regimental adjutant.

Mr. Hammond at his own expense made trips to Denver, Topeka, Kansas City and St. Louis, to engage musicians for his band.

He found fifteen men in the "brass" band. No reeds whatever were represented. The organiaztion now has its fourteen instruments has been organfull strength, a full reed section of ized, including oboe and bassoon. The old fashioned altos have been replaced by modern concert horns. An orchestra of twenty pieces has been developed and is doing splendid work. The latest acquisition is a set of cathedral chimes. The expenditure for equipment during the past year, over and above government issue, has exceeded twelve hundred dollars.

The men of the organization are enthusiastic, giving not only their time but spending their pay on instruments, and pooling the money earned by outside engagements to make the work a success.

Weekly concerts are given in the barracks of each troop in turn. The program below of the concert given on Wednesday night will afford some idea of the class of work being done.

As an extra number Mr. Hammond introduced Gottschalk's "Last Hope," arranged for orchestra, in which the new cathedral chimes were heard for the first time.

The entire program was rendered in a masterly manner, the stately classics from the first melodious introduction of "William Tell" to the last strident blare of Rubinstein's "Triumphal" were presented with just the proper expression, each delicate shading, each bit of coloring interpreted with precision and meaning.

The following is the program:

Part I.

Overture, "William Tell" . . . . Rossini
Celebrated Perlude . . . . Rachmaninoff
Grand Selection, "Il Trovatore" . . . . Verdi
(With full battery.)

Part II.

Waltz, "Blue Danube" . . . . Strauss
(a) "Sextette-Lucia Di Lammermoor" . . . . Donizetti
(b) Cavatina . . . . Raff
Overture, "Triumphal" . . . . Rubinstein
(Commemorating Russian - Crimean war with allied forces of France and England.)

The Ninth Cavalry band is a success, one of the best, if not the best, band in the service. The regiment is to be felicitated on the possession of this splendid organiaztion.

(Written by a white gentleman, the Post Adjutant, an officer of the Eleventh U. S. Infantry.)

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., ITEMS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Stephen McGowan, aged 73 years, an old resident of this city, passed away Monday evening at o'clock, at his home at 62 E. Hall street. Epilepsy was the cause of his death. He is survived by a wife, one daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Jefferson, and a son, Frederick, all of this city. Funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon at the Second Baptist church. Rev. O. T. Judge officiated. Interment was made at Oak Hill cemetery....Mrs. Martha McGruder is quite ill at her home on McCalmly street. She is not improving as fast as her friends and relatives desire her to.... The many friends of Miss Cleo Clark are giving her a warm welcome since her return to this city....Miss Eva Curtis entertained the Young Ladies Embroidery Club last week....Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Daniels, of Wabash, Ind., are visiting in this city the guests of Mrs. W. Jefferson and Mrs. J. Cebott. ....The bazaar given at the Second Baptist church last week was a grand success financially....Mrs. Marion E. Hyatt, who has been in West Africa for the past eight years, as a missionary, has returned to this city....Earl Tucker is making his home in Kalamazoo, Mich., at present....Mrs. Ida Gaines is very ill at her home on W. Jackson street....The Freeman can be found at 50 Warren street. G. Williams, agent.

LINCOLN INSTITUTE, KENTUCKY.

How to Enter the New School—An Important Letter.

Berea, Ky., Nov. 30, 1910.

Editor The Freeman.

My Dear Sir:—May I venture to use the columns of your paper in the interest of young people in Kentucky, who may be planning to enter Lincoln Institute?

Inquiries have been coming to the Berea office of Lincoln Institute concerning the conditions of admission, when the school shall open.

Young people are writing for themselves. Parents are writing for their children. A statement was made in the October issue of The Institute Worker, substance of which it is desired to have published in the columns of your valuable paper.

The opportunities and advantages which we expect to offer are such that we do not expect to be able to admit all who apply. We want to do the greatest possible service to those who shall be received.

Lincoln Institute will, therefore, receive only such a number of students as can be properly housed and satisfactorily trained. The largest number which can be considered for the opening term, in the autumn of 1911, is 225.

It would be a great misfortune and a very sad experience for any person to make a journey to the institute, only to find that there was no vacancy for him. We do not want this to happen to any one.

To prevent such a misfortune there is but one absolutely safe course, viz.: to let it be understood from the start that no one can expect to be received as a student who has not first obtained an application blank, filled it out and returned it, and received an admission card. This card must be presented at the institute by the holder. It will insure him a place among the students, and a room in the dormitory.

When as many have been given cards as the institute can accommodate, no more will be given out until vacancies occur; but applicants will be put on a waiting list, and, if they are such as can be received, they will be notified in their turn, when there is room for them. If the holder of a card is unable to present himself at the institute at the time appointed, he may obtain an extension of time by writing to the principal.

Applications are already being made, and application blanks being sent out to prospective students for the first term, which is expected to begin about October 1, 1911. None should apply who do not consider themselves able to enter the fifth grade; that is, who have not finished the Fourth Reader, the Supplementary Reading, studied White's Elementary Arithmetic, begun Natural Elementary Georgraphy, etc.

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LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Yuletide has come and gone, bringing with it Santa, whose presence gives joy to all and absorbs the essence of many months' toil and saving; still we are glad to have him with us. This sentiment was manifested throughout the city, and the smell of cedar and the gleam of tiny candles, together with the laden boughs of the Christmas tree, delighted many a heart, the whole combining as a picture no artist could put on canvas.

The exercises that preceded the distribution of presents were just splendid at all the churches, and the cantata "The Promised King," rendered by the pupils of the Wesley A. M. E. church were highly comendable.

Entertainments prevailed throughout the week at the Second Baptist, Mt. Zion and Tabernacle. Exercises at the Christian church were postponed until December 28, for which an elaborate program was prepared.

The fair at the Y. M. C. A. for the benefit of St. Philip's was quite a success, both financially and in attendance. Wheaton's orchestra added much to the enjoyment and gaity of the assembly.

The concert given by the Juvenile Troupe was poorly patroniezd, but it was a pleasing affair, and especially good was the "Barber Shop Chord," by one of the members only nine years old.

Among the ladies' societies much good was accomplished in the way of free distribution of clothing and presents to the unfortunate people of the city. The women deserve much credit for their benevolent fforts.

When Mrs. Shackelford, of Central avenue, returned home from E. 41st street, where she had ben sent on a ruse by her husband, sh was surprised to find her home filled with an eager throng of merry makers to celebrate her sixth wedding anniversary. Wheaton's orchestra was engaged, and made it an event long to be remembered.

Little Miss Zelda Booth entertained the Ladies' Aid of the Christian church last Monday.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

The Peoples' Forum—Knights of Pythias Buy a Lot.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The reorganization meeting of the People's Forum of this city was held at the State Street Baptist Church, December 11, which proved to be quite a success. Prof. Wm. Wolf, who has charge of the theological department of the Bowling Green Academy, gave an eloquent lecture on "Some Essentials of Individual Progress." It was full of life and enthusiasm. He held the attention of his hearers. The meeting was largely attended and enjoyed to the highest degree by all who were present. This organization was once in excellent standing, but went down from some cause or other. It is hoped that many new ideas will be developed in these meetings, which will be held twice each month, that will be a help to racial progress. Officers of the Forum: Chas. T. Cook, president; Rev. J. W. Botts, vice president; Miss Mary V. Richey, second vice president; Mrs. Lena Jackson, secretary; Mr. Virgil Loving, treasurer. A committee of six was appointed on the revision of the constitution—Rev. Robert Mitchell, chairman; Mr. C. M. Rhea, Mrs. M. Battie, Mr. Schuyler Nelson, Rev. H. D. Carpenter, Dr. O. D. Porter. This committee is to report at the next regular meeting of the Forum, which will be held the second Sunday in January. Program: Solo, Mr. James Young, "The Garden of Life;" solo, Mr. C. M. Rhea, "Visions Beautiful;" closing remarks, Prof. C. T. Cook, president of Forum.... Rev. J. W. Hill, presiding elder of the Bowling Green District, held his first quarterly conference for this conference year. The services were at Taylor's Chapel A. M. E. Church, which were largely attended by the members and friends of the church. Communion was administered in the afternoon. This church is fast becoming its former self since Rev. S. R. Reed has been pastor. The attendance and interest are increasing at every service....Monday evening, December 26, a cantata will be given at Taylor's Chapel A. M. E. Church, under the auspices of the Sunday school. It will be nicely illustrated in excellent form for the occasion, and no doubt will be largely attended....Diamond Lodge, No. 23, K. of P., has purchased a nice lot on the corner of Chestnut and Third street, for $550. The property consists of one four-room dwelling and store room. This lodge has taken on new life and its membership is increasing very rapidly. There will be steps in the near future to erect a handsome K. of P. hall on the site, which has beautiful surroundings in the midst of the colored inhabitants of the city....The city council met last Monday evening and transferred the physician's license of the late Dr. J. W. Willis to Dr. S. H. Warfield, who has taken over his practice. Dr. Warfield has been located here about a month or more, and is doing nicely. He is from Princeton, Ky., and no doubt his friends will be glad to hear of his success here....The Freeman can be had at Mrs. J. F. Moxley's millinery store, 626 Fourth street. Sold Saturday and Sunday. Agent, J. F. Maxley.

H. T. KEALING WILL NOT ACCEPT PAY FROM TWO POSITIONS.

Kansas City, Kan.,
November 22, 1910.

Rev. John Hurst, D. D., Financial Secretary A. M. E. Church, Washington D. C.

Dear Brother—You are advised of my election to the presidency of Western University, Kansas City, Kan., which position I assume November 1, 1910.

My term of office as editor of the A. M. E. Review expires in May, 1912, at the meeting of the General Conference. It is my intention to complete my term of office, make my report to the General Conference in person, and than the church for the confidence reposed in me for sixteen years.

I do not, however, feel disposed to draw two salaries and shall do The Review editing without drawing salary so long as I hold the two positions.

This will save to the church $112.50 per month from November 1, 1910, to May 1, 1912, or an aggregate sum of $2,025 for the whole period.

It gives me pleasure to give this free service for the church that has honored me and which I love so devotedly. You are, therefore, instructed to withhold my salary checks till further notice.

Whatever office expense shall be incurred by reason of my absence, I shall ask the General Conference to allow from the treasury, provided it be in excess of the current revenues of The Review.

Very sincerely,
H. T. KEALING.

LUTHER, OKLA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Christmas day in and around Luther was quiet....D. Carter, D. Stowers, Thomas Sims and Miss Carrie Jenkins have subscribed for The Freeman.... The infant child of Rev. and Mrs. Harrison died December 29....Mrs. Katie Chatman was called to Texas to the bedside of her father, who is very ill. She was accompanied by her son Arther....Mrs. Pearl Booker, Mrs. Maggie Smith and Mr. Milton Young are spending the holidays with relatives and friends....Around Luther is a great cotton section, and the cottin gins are all owned by white people. If some colored man would put up a gin north of Luther he could do well....Miss Carrie Jenkins entertained at her residence Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nunn December 26, at dinner. The menu consisted of takhoma biscuit, tomato soup, French tenderloin, pickles, roast turkey, cranberry sauce, giblet gravey, brown sweet potatos, hot rolls, cakes, apple pie, cheese, fruits, nuts, tea and milk.

RESOLUTION OF REGRET.

Sympathy Extended to Bishop Abraham Grant, Who Is Ill.

Bishop Abraham Gant, 532 Washington Boulevard, Kansas City, Kan.:

The board of trustees of the Negro rural school fund, in session at the White House, the President presiding, received with regret the news of the illness of our colleague, Bishop Grant, and adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we extend to him our deepest sympathy, and for the best interests of the Negro race and of the nation, sincerely wish for him a speedy recovery.

Signed—Wm. H. Taft, President; R. R. Moton, Secretary; Robt. C. Ogden, Belton Gilerath, J. C. Napier, S. C. Mitchell, Talcott Williams, Booker T. Washington, R. L. Smith, H. B. Frissell and James H. Dillard.

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CHRISTMAS EMOTIONS.

There's a feeling kin to gladness
 Comes a hovering us around,
And a sound of heavenly sweetness
 As to shepherds on the ground.
"Peace on earth!" they bring us greeting;
 Bring to us the Christmas cheer,
Bring the Eastern manger cradle
 Unto us so very near.

There's a feeling kin to reverence
 For the wise men from afar,
Who o'er sandy deserts travelled,
 Who were guided by a star.
As we tie our precious bundles—
 Gifts of frank incense and myrr
How our anxious hearts do tremble
 Lest in giving we might err.

There's a feeling kin to sadness,
 Comes a stealing around the heart,
When we think of those at Christmas
 Who with us once took a part.
They have left this vale of sorrows
 Happy in the Father-land
And are singing Christmas anthems,
 With the bright angelic band.

There's a thot comes creeping o'er us,
 Earthly pleasures are alloy,
And we all must bear our sorrows,
 Griefs must mingle with our joy,
For the Babe that once was cradled,
 In the manger of a stall,
Hung upon the cross and suffered,
 He, the greatest gift of all.

—Virgie Whitsett White.

Jas. H. Hathaway.

Mr. Hathaway has, beyond all doubt, made the most rapid strides of all the colored business men in our city within the brief period of time in which he has been engaged in business on his own responsibility. Coming to this city from his native county, Montgomery, at a tender age, he at once found employment with the Smith & Nixon Piano Company as a driver and gave general satisfaction. In a short time his thrift and economy enabled him to buy two teams of his own, which he soon had engaged to do hauling for the city. He was with the Smith & Nixon company for fifteen years, and left with good recommendations and the best wishes of all with whom he had come in contact. He then embarked in the retail grocery business at the corner of Eleventh and Walnut streets, and after a few years he sold out the grocery business and re-entered the employ of his old employers, the Smith & Nixon Piano Company. In 1892 he married to a popular young society belle, Miss Columbia Gray. To this union were born six children, five of whom are living, the eldest being 15 years old. Mr. Hathaway has been a consistent communicant of the Christian Church from boyhood and is highly connected with the leading fraternal societies, among which are the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the U. B. F. Society.

Mr. Hathaway, desiring to become a funeral director and embalmer, entered the Myers School of Embalming, of Pennsylvania, and the Clark School of Embalming at Cincinnati, and received diplomas from both schools. He was successful in his work before the state board, after which he began business, eight years ago, at 322 East Green street. He has met with great success and recently puchased a magnificent mansion at 716 South Preston street, which he fully equipped with the most modern appliances for the conduct of his business. His private residence is at 427 East Burnett street.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 7, 1911.

Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, died last Wednesday night.

A whole county in Ohio was recently arrested for giving and taking election bribes.

Says a paragraph, "Short, thick, curly hair is an indication of great natural strength." Does it mean to intimate?

The sixty-seventh session of the Indiana General Assembly was called into existence last Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

A $100,000 Y. M. C. A. building for the colored people of Indianapolis is a possibility. With all shoulders to the wheel it will be an assured thing.

DuBois says that his association had nothing to do with that address to Europe. May we venture the opinion that he thinks it a little radical at points.

Vice-President Sherman has been elected Chancellor of the Smithsonian Institute, the repository of Colonel Roosevelt's animals. Looks like a flank movement.

"Ameriky" is good enough in some particulars. You can go to school until you are good and tired, and you can build yourself a lodge in some vast wilderness without let or hindrance.

Cut out something bad for the New Year; it will make you stronger for clipping something next year. St. Paul calls it growing in grace. Well, it's custom, getting used to it, or something. Do it anyhow.

The Baltimore segregation law will require the counting of noses in order to determine when the population of a block is composed of more than one-half of white people.

Someone rises to say that the charter under which this city is governed has one strong point—it makes the Mayor ineligible for re-election. Shakespeare would say, "This is the most unkindest cut of all."

Charles Stewart, the well-known Negro newspaper correspondent, was in the city last week. He had some sort of mission, but was particular about it. He did not give it out. He slid in town and slid right out again.

New Year's Day is also a new resolution day. The preacher may preach and the moralist may moralize, but nothing sinks into the spiritual hide of man like the din of those whistles and bells at 12 o'clock midnight.

The difference between the Baltimore segregation measures and the disfranchiseing measures of some of the Southern states is that the disfranchising measures are served in capsules, while you take the segregating measures plain—very plain.

The year of 1910 was an improvement over 1909 in the matter of lynchings. This form of lawlessness has been growing less popular within recent years, and doubtless, if the trend is not disturbed, it will not be but a short while before the practice will cease all together.

Genial Stoke Jackson, the very efficient chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, is standing for Sergeant-at-Arms in the National House of Representatives. The Freeman wishes him success, as he has proven himself to be quite a friend of the colored people.

Real estate interests are no greater than the interests of humanity. The committee on segregation in Baltimore should keep in mind that the Negroes are a part of the people. That they are no more acceptable as such is owing to just such activities as are being exhibited in that city.

While contending for every privilege, we will not forget that the Negroes of America are the foremost in the world. The Parliament of England reserves the right to revoke the enfranchisement of the Negroes of Cane Colony, Africa, whenever it deems it to be a necessity. Looks like a rather slender reed, doesn't it?

The public school question is fairly fixed. If, like the famous Missouri Compromise, the race can hold the lines at its present status, our purpose has been fairly served. The question of segregation is new and dangerous; it is an injection, an unexpected advent, surreptitious and deadly, and one that should be fought down and out if possible.

One of the Negroes that furnished music, for the night's work informed the paymaster that he charged $4 for his services; the other one put in a bill for $16. The first one was informed that he was all right and that he would get his money. The paymaster stated that he was not so sure about the other musician getting his.

It appears that Cottrill will go to Honolulu all right, but we are not so sure about Lewis going to the Attorney General's office.

The amazing feature of this segregating business is that a little nest of Negroes got together in Baltimore and pretended that they liked it. They did manage to say that segregation by law was a bad thing. But when they said, "Let us profit by this segregation movement by establishing enterprises," etc., they threw the fat in the fire. The measure is unspeakably bad, and if permitted to operate the day of its conception will be a black letter day in the affairs of the Negroes. Segregating precedents want to be flailed out as if they were fire and tow.

The Colored Y. M. C. A. management of Indianapolis is buoyed up by the report from Chicago that Julius Rosenwald, connected with a big commercial house, will give $25,000 to every city in the United States that will raise $75,000, to be spent for Y. M. C. A. buildings for Negroes.

Not many will be able to take advantage of the offer, owing to the conditions imposed. Indianapolis, it is thought, will be one of the few cities that will come up to the requirements, and thus will receive a $100,000 building, which will be ample for Y. M. C. A. purposes for years to come. The management has that end in view, and is working hard in order to become a beneficiary of Mr. Rosenwald's philanthropy.

The promised support to the new building movement by the white business men of Indianapolis and the white Y. M. C. A. gives hope that great things are in store for the colored people of this community. The colored people are enthusiastic over the prospects and stand ready to contribute to the extent of their ability. The management feels satisfied that all of this good luck means a $100,000 building right in Indianapolis.

IS HE MISTAKEN?

John Bigelow, the veteran diplomat, in a recent address at the American Academy of Arts and Letters in New York, said:

"Dumas had no reflective character. He was a typical member of the African race in this; whenever he reflected he became confused just like our own American Negroes."

Now, Mr. Bigelow may be all right in his report on Dumas, the great French Negro author, but he makes a mistake if he thinks he has the measurement for all Negroes. In fact, the accusation is the very first of the kind lodged against the intelligent Negroes of America. We thought that time had frustrated all ancient claims, such as the Negro could never learn to congugate a Greek verb.

AN ALL-NEGRO CITY.

Boley, Oklahoma, advertises that it is the largest Negro city in the United States. It has 3,000 inhabitants, and is bidding for more. All-Negro cities ought to be an excellent means of exit from a too congested state of affairs, often noted in the general cities. Our country is particularly great in one respect at least. It will let you alone if you are really willing to be alone. That may sound like a platitude or some threadbare statement of a truth. Well, it is not so everywhere. Some countrie s require special permits, grants, charatrs, or some other red-tape proceeding, and then supervision after the establishment. We have some possessions that, evidently, we had not taken into account.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON A LITTLE WORKED UP

The following is reported of Booker T. Washington, who recently spoke at Orange, N. J.:

"You really have been slaves so far," he told the colored men, "because you haven't anything. You have entirely too many indignation meetings here in the North to advertise your troubles. One industrial and educational exhibit will do more in dispelling race prejudice than all the indignation meetings you can hold from now until doomsday."

To the white people Mr. Washington said:

"Instead of being dudes and fools, our people are learning to become humble and simple citizens."

It appears that Mr. Washington had a specific purpose in making this part of his speech emphatic.

It is to be hoped that he is clearly in the right in regard to his latter statement. The race has no time to turn out many dudes, nor any fools at all.

THE WALL GIRL.

By a decision of the Appellate Court at Washington, D. C., the Wall girl, who is but one-sixteenth Negro, is still barred from attending the white schools of that city. The decision was expected, and, of course, under the circumstances, no particuliar hardship will be suffered by the girl or her family, members of which are identified with the Negro race.

The decision means no hardship; if so, the same is voluntarily borne by millions who range in all degrees of color from jet black to semi-octoroon. This does not speak for the idealism of the situation. It is un-American and an undoubted hindrance to the true American idea so plainly set forth by the latter amendments to the constitution, which strike at the race and color idea. The decision does speak for a realism which will not be downed by the method of attack instituted by the Walls family. Under the circumstances, the decision of the court is fairly in advance, unless we are prepared for an upheaval of society.

Established customs inaugurated out of prejudice and maintained by prejudice will not easily be uprooted by the way of the courts. Sentiment must be fought with sentiment, which in our case means the conquering of those of adverse sentiment, and those who stand superior in most every way as to acquirements—a very hard task most obviously. We may as well come to it at once, that no effective legislation or decisions will obtain unless at the demands of the people. The people mean the majority. In short, legislation is based on sentiment, and no condition is exempt, no matter how righteous.

THAT APPEAL TO EUROPE.

That appeal to Europe, "revealing" the Negro race status in America, is a splendidly worded affair. It sets forth the truth, but overestates it, if we can express it that way. To illustrate: After calling attention to other conditions, the appeal says.

"Along with this has gone a systematic attempt to curtail the education of the black race. Under a widely advertised system of universal education, not one black boy in three today has in the United States a chance to learn to read and write. The proportion of school funds due to black children are often spent on whites, and the burden on private charity to support education, which is a public duty, has become almost intolerable."

Now, the fact of the mater is that the paragraphers, as brilliant as they may be, did not take into account the inability of having the foreigners see the whole educational phase just as it is, or else they purposely held up a meager picture with the intention of deception. We do not thing the latter, out of charity to the writers, who were men of ability. But it will be readily seen that if the paragraph is the only means of information regarding the status of Negro education in America a false impression will obtain. And while, statistically speaking, the figures may be true, in proportion, they are not so owing to any effort to deny Negroes education in America. It will be admitted that there are now and then inconveniences, perhaps owing to prejudice in localities, but not to such an extent as to deprive the Negro child of some education, if so desired.

In fact America is another word for admirable in education, as it concerns any and all of the people. To defeat the child, white or black, is held no less than a crime. We feel to say that America education is as free as the water that flows. If it does not always come to us, we can always go to it.

Europe, while professing freedom and larger liberty in the totality, can well afford to come to America to learn something of the general school question. The peasants of many of its countries, "the men fartherest down," do not know what books mean, holding them as luxuries, only to be enjoyed by the elect. The elects are of a similar notion, often holding that books are not for the hands of peasants. And thus, at Castle Garden, are seen the ignorance debauched faces pouring into our land as a thick and muddy stream ploughs its way to the lakes, and where in time their identity will be swallowed up in the majestic commonness of clarifying institutions.

America has its evils and it has its good points. The school system is eminently satisfactory. The trouble lies in having the Negro youth attend the schools. Every Negro in the land that is less than forty years of age, with exceptions not worth mentioning, will, if not of some education, declare that he threw away his opportunity. He could have been informed if he had so willed it; if he had listened to advice. The trouble, whatever it may be, is not with the educational system, which, so far as making for general education, is the best in the world. No one is exempt, Jew or Gentile; the Negro, the Indian, Japanese or Chinaman may be educated if he will but go to school. The thing is writ in the constitution of the United States in the woof and warp-woven in the fabric—lands set aside to be eternally used for the benefit of the unborn generations. Like the salvation of the Lord, absolutely free to all.

SEGREGATION.

It is possible that Baltimore's effort at solving the race problem will not end until the highest court in the land has had a say, unless defeated beforehand in one of the lesser courts. The West ordinance of the city council of that city has undertaken to district the city along the color line, with the view of prohibiting the Negroes from moving into blocks where the majority of residents are white, and likewise preventing white people from moving into blocks where the majority of the residents are Negroes.

The object of the law is said to be an honest effort to prevent the depreciation of real estate, which depreciation is said to follow the invasion of the white residence section by Negroes; also, "to restrain and diminish personal and social contact between the races as far as possible by statutory enactment."

The "brief," in conclusion, has it that "this prohibition is to be, as far as possible, by statutory enactment, which does not discriminate on account of race or color, and in what is believed to be a legal, orderly and constitutional manner."

The statement of the committee that had charge of the matter is one which will be most significantly regarded In part it said:

"No fault is found with the Negro's ambitions, but the committee feels that Baltimoreans will be criminally negligent as t otheir future happiness if they suffer the Negro's ambitions to go unchecked. The existence of such an ambition is a constant menace to the social quietude and property values of every white neighborhood in Baltimore."

As a matter of obstruction, nothing so merciless and vile has confronted the race since it has been a civil entity. Even the so-called Jim Crow disfranchising measures have a redeeming feature—the possibility of subscribing to conditions in the main, even if extremely difficult. While striking at the black men, some of them have always been able to fly the gauntlet of tests, thus making good the letter of the intent, if not the spirit, to the extent that the laws are not special, but general. The enfranchise of a single Negro and the disfranchise of a single white man under the law gives color to the contention that they were made for the general good, defeating white men or black men, as the case may be, through their inability to subscribe to the terms.

We do not undertake to say that there is a bit of charity in the disfranchisement laws as they concern the Negroes. We are simply trying to show that, so far as outward appearances go, they are not so demeaning as the Baltimore segregating measures. Through all, or most of them, the word Negro is not used, nor is there any race designation. Of course, there s no doubt as to the implication.

The plain intent was to accomplish ends within an interpreted meaning or without literal defiance of the constitution of the country. That both colored and white men are affected in the same way, we again say gives color to the claim. But above all, there was no flagrant advertisment of race disparity in the "preamble" as in this case, nor was there suggestion in the "text." The Baltimore propaganda makes no bones of the business. It starts out with the intention of striking down citizenship for the sake of real estate values. At the same time the whole world is called upon to look at an undisguised effort of a country in the attempt to nullify the very essence of civilization, the right to the fruits of one's toil and thrift. Can the white people afford the reputation?

The Baltimore movement, which we hope will not amount to a movement, assails the Negroes most flagrantly. Nothing is reserved, even under a thin disguise or otherwise. The Negro is prohibited from moving into the neighborhood of white people, and while the white people are similarly enjoined, the statement of the committee is nothing less than a preface, stating plainly the intent. The spirit of the ordinance, in conception and in the enactment, runs hand in hand, both operating against the material hopes of Negroes by confining them to the poorer sections of the city, which poorer sections are brought about by the financial difficulties under which they labor. A reward is due for the escape rather than otherwise. It means working, saving and striving, which is no less meritorious because of race.

Many influential papers and individuals have already gave it as their opinion that the segregation measures will not stand the test, at least of the Supreme Court. We are of the same opinion. The measures are special, enacted with a specific purpose, to the detriment of one class of people. We cannot see how the courts will be able to work around the facts.

As we view it, nothing less than arbitrary action will save the measures from defeat.

If the measures are to stand, the wrong from the moral side will simply be incalculable. All the teaching of the good and wise would come to nought, as it effects the race if industry, thrift and economy find no compensation here is a strike at the spiritual growth of men teaching the hopelessness of aspiration as well as a strike at the material growth.

The spirit of it all is grossly wrong. If property depreciates in value owing to the residence of Negroes, the principles involved are not of equal magnitude. Millions of people should not be thwarted in their efforts to improve themselves in any way possible, thus defeating the individuals in their ambitions, the race of the helpful results and the nation of a more desirable citizenship. The other principle, which seeks to buoy up real estate, is much the lesser. The reduction of values, to some small extent, in communities where Negroes live, will be admitted, perhaps 10 per cent, less if anything. Surely a race is not to be sacrificed in order to save a 10 per cent or less money value on property, and that incidental, as Negroes are unable to purchase property in the exclusive sections. When able to do so, very few are so inclined, hence there is a tempest in a teapot about "debauching" the white people with whom they come in contact and the bringing down of property values.

Negroes have to live somewhere, and as their means will not permit them to invade the best portions of cities, at least in terrifying numbers, what they may do through their striving and saving should not be denied them. If the spirit of our laws are upheld, they will see to it that the abstructive measures are put down and out. If different, trouble is in sight which does not promise to end very soon. The fairness and philanthropy of the nation is called upon to negative these pernicious measures, which mean but very little to the white people and very much to the Negroes.

DALLAS, TEX.

Aftermath of Christmas—Society, Church and Business News.

Our people looked well into the past and cut out rowdyism in the colored sections of the city all of Christmas week and the hoodlum element were so few in number that they soon left the scene of the various places to those of better manners and conditions. There will come a time when the good Negro citizens of Dallas will ask that the many lewd women who hang around the streets night and day be made to work or to leave Dallas. It is largely through that class of women here that brings ruin, shame and disgrace to many boys, girls and mothers. We commend the action of Chief of Police Ryan in instructing his men to ride every one who is seen idleing around here and there, and it is too well known that the judges in the various courts will apply the proper fines if the evidence is right.....The reports show that Dallas and Dallasites outdid every for feature in the way of entertainments and socials during the holidays. On Saturday all night gatherings of the merry ones were held. At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Ware, on San Jacinto street, there was a treat to their guests and out-of-town visitors. Monday night a jovial bunch spent several hours at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mapes, on Clark street. Tuesday night the social calendar was working on the square, for all Masonic bodies and their guests were enjoying a rare program of intelectual thought on St. John's day, at the hall of Crystal Palace, corner Burford and Flora streets. The committees of Abbiff, Crystal Palace and Metropolitan crafts outdid all former efforts on this occasion, which was well received by one and all. Wednesday night found rain a welcome visitor, but guests from various portions of the city were en route to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Morgan, on Fairmount street, and Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dyers, on San Jacinto street, where the two jolly crowds put on a head-on collision, which was soon cleared away, and the yuletide of the holidays were in full bloom. Thursday night the friends and visitors found their way to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter, on Flora street, and Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Cooper, on State street, where a host of their city friends are ever made welcome in and out of season. The out of town guests were as follows: Miss Eva Howard, ouHston, Tex.; Dr. Roderick Johnson, Corsicana, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Orman, Denver, Col.; Misses Lela and Nora Anderson, Muskogee, Okla.; Mr. A. Butler, Terrel, Tex.; Mr. Isaiah Smith, Terrel, Tex.; Mr. J. A. Scott, Terrel, Tex.; Mr. Chas. Nelson, Terrel, Tex.; Mrs. Henry Lacey, Weatherford, Tex.; they enjoyed themselves until the early dawn.... The Excelsior club of St. Paul church held a social session at the residence of Miss Kate Humphries, at the corner of Wade and Burford streets, and a most enjoyable evening was spent....Mr. M. F. Newman is here after three years absence ....The Excelsior steam laundry, owned by Messrs. Clemens and Mackey, employs fourteen people at 1808 Jackson street.... Mr. W. E. Carter is home from Meridian, Miss., where he went to attend the funeral of his mother. We extend our sympathy to Mr. Carter in these sad hours....Mr. E. V. Pitts, the fashionable tailor of Galveston, stopped in the metropolis about twelve hours, and was the guest of the reporter and his family while here. Mr. Pitts was on a prospecting tour. He visited Taft, Prentissville, and Muskogee, Oklahoma, and returned to the island much impressed with his investments and the hospitable manner in which he was treated by one and all while here....Miss Lizzie Thompson, of Ft. Worth, visited here during the holidays....Mrs. Henry Lacy, of Weatherford, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crittendon during the holidays...... Many of our people spent a pleasant Christmas with the social set of Terrell's best families and went some, so they say ......Mrs. C. Williams, of San Antonio, was called here to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Emma White, at 2711 San Jacinto street....Undertaker E J. Crawford visited Longview, and it is expected will establish a branch there....All K. of P. lodges are now into their own hall, which was damaged by fire, but has been thoroughly remodeled and made to meet every requirement of the boards of trustees of the five lodges interested. Several of the grand lodge officials were here a few days during Christmas week on business of the order....Mr. Rich Bills spent the holidays in Paris and reports a jolly time. He brought his mother back with him. The contractors are moving at a lively rate on his new cottage on Cochran street....Don't let your New Year's resolution rust from not being carried into usefulness by you, young man......Mrs Mary Jackson, son and daughter visited relatives in Marshall during the holidays ....Mr. John Volks opened his place again on East Elm street....Mrs. L. A. Seymour, of Ft. Worth, spent several days here Christmas week, the guest of her sister on Cadi street....Hon. C. E. W. Day, grand master of Tabor's Knights and Daughters, is visiting several points in the State on official business....Let the masses see and do right and they won't be in the courts so much. Keep the tout and pimping idiers on the move, officers, it makes things look right in every part of the old city to see everybody doing something for a livelihood....Buy and read The Freeman....Mrs. Mollie Lyons spent a pleasant time visiting in Houston and Beaumont during the holidays......Mrs. Pearl Westbrook, of Ft. Worth, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lucas the past week....Sporty Bob Edwards spent several days of the past week in Corsicana, visiting his mother....Mr. Albert Payne left for San Antonio Saturday in response to a telegram stating that his grandmother was very ill at that place....The house and contents of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitley, 3510 East Colby street, burned down Monday night of the past week, to the regret of themselves and many friends They did not save anything but what they had on. They carried no insurance.... Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pickett are now located at 2709 Bryan street....Several of the city teachers attended the State Teachers' Association, held in the Island City.

MT. VERNON, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. James B. Smith and Miss Alice Sites, youngest daughter of Mrs. James Sites, of West Front street, were quietly married Tuesday afternoon, December 27, by Rev. James Tate at the A. M. E. parsonage....Miss Addie Goins, who is attending Wilberforce university, has returned to resume her studies after spending the holiday at home....Mr. and Mrs. John H. Milton, of Barnesville, are spending their honeymoon visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McGee, of Calhoun street. Mr. Milton married Miss Bertha Bell Carter, of Westfield, Ind., on December 22....Mr. Guy Hamilton and Miss Beulah Jones visited Columbus December 26th to attend "Seved Days" at the Southern.....Mr. John Crouston, the engineer of the Mt. Vernon electric light and power works, who on December 24th received painful injuries to his hand, has resumed work ....The ball given at the K. of P. armory December 27th was a grand affair. The out of town guests were Misses Edna and Susie Carter, of Lancaster, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Banks; Miss Rosebub Amett, and Miss Sarah Bibbs, of Toledo, were the guests of Mr. Horace Rouse; Misses Nora and Queen Morgan and Mrs. Bessie Rawls, of Columbus, and Miss Fleetie Murphy, of Barnesville, were the guests of Miss Bessie McGruder, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence King, Detroit. The music was furnished by the Columbus Trio....Mrs. Mary Thomas received word from Detroit that her nephew, Mr. Chas. Wilson, is seriously ill with tuberculosis ....Union revival, commencing Sunday, January 8th, at the A. M. E. church. Rev. J. Tate, pastor, and Rev. M. Tooney, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, invite everybody to attend. Cottage prayer meetings will be held throughout the city ....A stag surprise party was given December 31st at the elegant residence of Mr. Albert Ray, 104 West Front street, celebrating the sixty-third anniversary of his birth. Among those who attended were Messrs. S. J. Simmons, Wm. Newman, Chancy Mayle, G. Simmons, Wm. Jacksoin, H. Judy, John Richardson, A. Simmons, Chas. Hamilton and Mr. Lee Doyle, of Lima, O, and our local correspondent was there at the big feast.... Mrs. Amanda Mayberry died December 28th, after a lingering illness of a year, at the age of sixty-two years, four months and eight days. There were left to mourn her loss two sons, Arthur and Walter Simmon and a brother, Howard Tate. The funeral was from the late residence on East Vine street, December 31st. Rev. JJames Tate of the A. M. E. church officiated. Interment in Moundview cemetery ....The Household of Ruth elected the following officers at the meeting December 11th: Alice Crouston, P. M. N. G.; Mary Payne, M. W.; Anna Sites, R. G.; Anna Turner, N. G.; E. Judy, W. P.; Gertrude Jones, W. R.; Gertrude Rouse, W. G.; Susan Richardson, L. S. S. P.; Alice Ray, R. J. S.; Anna Uewman, L. J. S.; Lena McGee, W. C.; Annie Reddix, W. U.; M. Turner, W. C.; Grace White, M. S. The next meeting will be held January 16 at the Odd Fellows' alHl....Mr. Lee Doyle, of Lima, Ohio, spent New Years' day in our city visiting friends....Mrs. James Biddle and daughter, of Youngstown, are visiting her brother and sister, Mr. Wm. Newman, of Locust street, and Mrs. Sadie Goins, of Cottage street, and friends.... Mr. J. W. Hackley, of Norton street, is still on the sick list....Mr. Cooper Jackson, of East Hamtramck street, gave a party in honor of Miss Fleetie Murphy, of Barnesville, Ohio, Friday, December 30th ....All Mt. Vernon friends send regards to Mr. S. J. Lane, wishing him success with his Chocolate Bontons....Mr. Joe Brodfield, of the medical department of Ohio State University, has returned to Columbus, Ohio, after spending the holidays with relatives and friends....Mr. Jerome Newman, an old resident of our city, died Saturday, December 31, at the Soldiers' and Sailors' home in Sandusky, Ohio. He left to mourn his loss a son and grandson and several nephews and nieces. The deceased was born in Rockingham county, Va., in August, 1843. He was a member of the A. M. E. church for a number of years. He enlisted in the Union army at Bull's Run in 1863 and was discharged in 1865. He was a member of Joe Hooker Post, G. A. R., of this city. The funeral occurred January 3rd, at 3 p. m., from the A. M. E. church. Rev. James Tate officiated and interment was in Moundview....Mrs. Chas Derner is on the sick list.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Society in Full Blast.—News of the Churches.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Christmas services were largely attended at the churches. The programs were splendidly in keeping with the occasion—the birth of our Savior....The various Sunday schols had excellent exercises for Christmas, in which Santa Claus did the cheering of the hearts of the little folks, and left them with many useful gifts to remember the great and event day of Christ's birth....The ladies of the Prospect Baptist church Silver Leaf Club tendered the pastor, Rev. B. M. Dudley, a grand annual Christmas banquet, at which a fine program was rendered. Despite the inclement weather, the church was filled with friends of the pastor and church. William Brooks Freeman was present and talked to the young people....Rev. Samuel oJhnson, one of the most energetic preachers of the M. E. convention, has the pastoral charge at Hill City M. E. church. He gives promise of good work in that field. ....Mrs. E. Moore entertained at her home Christmas in honr of her daughter, Miss Mary L. Moore, a public school instructor. It was a beautiful social function, the repast being served in courses. Mrs. Moore makes an affable hostess, who seeks to make her guests enjoy themselves. The young people will attest to this statement as true....The St. James Baptist church gave a widow's Christmas dinner at the home of their pastor, Rev. E. Moore, and they were enjoyed the luxuries which were offered. ....Mrs. Etta May Patterson entertained a number of friends at her home. They all partook of the bountiful repast. Mrs. Patterson is a graceful hostess, and made the occasion an enjoyable one.... The public installation of officers of the joint meeting of the A. F. and M. fraternity was held at their hall last month. The feature of the meeting was the report of the final payment on the hall which filled all hearts with joy. The total amount that has been paid is $10,407.65. The hall is a fine one and is in a desirable location. Prof. A. J. Henry, A. B. G. M.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Holiday Festivities—Valuable Gifts—Clubs Enetertain—Movements of the Social Sets.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill.—Mrs. Florence McDaniel, of Peoria, Ill., is in the city visiting friends......Ora Moore spent Christmas with delatives in Carrollton, Ill..Mrs. John McCree, of Anna street, royally entertained a number of friends recently in honor of Mr. McCree's brother, Mr. Davis, of Missouri......A beautiful Christmas tree was held for the poor children at the Second Christian church, on Anna street, by the Junior League, and each one present received many presents. The tree was beautifully decorated. Games and music furnished amusement for the afternoon. The president is Miss Jenniebe Haithman, and she is a faithful little worker.....The Whist club met recently with Mrs. John McCree and was royally entertained by Mrs. Zenobia Muse Agnew....The dance given at the Company L hall recently by Ed Jones and Guy Washington, was largely attended. The music was furnished by the band from Springfield, Il.....An excellent Christmas program was rendered December 26th, by Miss Margaret Dewitt, at the Second Christian church and was largely attended. The tree was nicely decorated and each one on the program did remarkably well....A very pleasant surprise party was given recently in honor of Mimm Josephine Waddy, who left to study for a trained nurse in Kansas City, Kan....Mr. Davis, of Joplin, Mo., who has been visiting his brother, Mr. John McCree, returned home after a pleasant visit....Miss Dimple Christburg, of Decatur, Ill., is visiting Miss Eva Triplett, of South Clay avenue....Miss Stella Young, of St. Louis, is in the city visiting friends....Mrs. J. R. Scott gave a Christmas dinner in honor of her husband's birthday. Music was furnished all the afternoon. A number of friends were the guests and royally enjoyed themselves ....The grand mask carnival and promenade on December 26th was fairly well attended. It was at the K. of P. lodge, No. 30. Music was furnished by the Mallory Bros. orchestra. Miss Clara Davis received the diamond ring, being the most completely costumed lady. Miss Trying received the sack of flour, as the second prize.....Among the sick are the following persons: Mrs. Laura Lafayette, Mrs. Fanny Hogan, Mrs. Charles Berry, Mr. Virge Buechler, Mr. Joe Wilson and Mrs. Mattie Morison......Mrs. Mammie Wheeler received a beautiful upright piano as a Christmas gift from her husband, Mr. Joseph Wheeler......Miss Myrtle Brown and Mr. Arthur Carter, both of this city, were married recently by the Rev. J. W. Kirk, at the home of the bride's parents. They are residing on South Mauraisterre street. They have the best wishes of the whole community.....Dr. Richmond Smith, of Washington, D. C., visited Miss S. M. Sandusky, head nurse of the Home Sanitarium, during Cristmas week....A very pleasant birthday party was given in honor of the fifth anniversary of Thora McCree, at her home on West Anna street. Abour forty-two were present and an excellent time was enjoyed. She received many nice presents. Refreshments were served. Games and music furnished the amusement for the afternoon....A reception was held December 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright, 429 South West street. About seventy-five were present. Refreshments were served.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The membership of the colored Y. M. C. A. is to be increased during the month of January because fifty of the workers who were gathered around the festal board at the association at a supper, for which each man present helped to pay, said so. These men pledged themselves to see to it that on next Monday there would be at least 100 men of the membership at Y. M. C. A. building corner W. North and California streets, at 8:00 o'clock, to greet Mr. A. H. Goddard, the general secretary, who will adress the men on that night just before the opening of the campaign for new members. Each of these 100 men will be pledged to bring into the association membership at least one man during the week following. Every member of the association is asked to co-operate in the movement that it may be a success, and thus help to secure for Indianapolis the thing so badly needed.

A large crowd is expected to hear Judge Charles J. Obirson, of the Superior Court and president of the Indianapolis Presbyterian Brotherhood, at the monster meeting of the colored Y. M. C. A. on Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Judge Orbison is an able speaker and will give something good all men should hear. The men are invited to be present. Special musical features will include a solo by Mrs. T. A. Smythe, and selection by the colored Y. M. C. A. orchestra, under Mr. A. A. Taylor. The meeting will be held at Witherspoon church, N. West street, and will be for men only.

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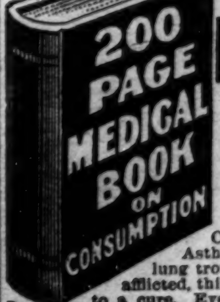

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THE STAGE

Lillie Gray, singing soubrette, and little Eddie McGarver, singing and dancing and roller-skate specialist, were in the city this week.

Blind Harris, the pianist and singer, has just returned to the city after a concert tour through Illinois, closing his engagements in Chicago.

May and May are now at the Pekin, Atlanta, Ga., where they are putting on a clean show and pleasing everybody. Butler May as "Strong Beans is making good in his own songs.

The Cuban Musical Comedy Company is a flourishing company, hailing direct from Havana. It carries twenty-five people, travels in its own special car, has its own brass band and orchestra.

Robert C. Burke, of Indianapolis, better known as "Mose," solo cornet player and star buck and wing dancer of John M. Powell's "In Old Kentucky" Company's pickaninny band, was married during the holidays at his home, 4758 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill., to Miss Emma Patterson, of St. Louis, Mo.

A new colored playhouse opens January 9th at Springfield, O. The house is centrally located, between Cincinnati and Columbus. The opening bill is high-class, Harris and Walker, comedy sketch team, Chas. Beebe, monologist, Ringgold and and Johnson, high-class singing, sister team, Will aMthews, original Rags, and Stewart and Grundy, famous buck dancers will hold the boards.

Mr. Emmett Anthony joined the Cuban Musical Comedy Company at Cincinnati, Ohio, on Monday, December 28th, and was an instant hit. He was engaged to create a new part in Mr. Robert Joplin's new comedy, "A Guest of Honor," which is being used by this organization, and he more than made good. His singing of the new song, entitled "If He Comes In I'm Going Out," was a riot. Mr. Anthony was called before the curtain and made a very pretty speech, in which he said that the appreciation shown of his work touched him to the heart, and was wholly unlooked for from people that had possibly never seen his work before. He is under contract with this company for two years as principal comedian.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

Rainey and Rainey have just closed a successful three weeks' engagement at the Bellemont theater and will open at the Globe theater, Jacksonville, Fla., on January 2, for a four weeks' engagement. Mrs. Rainey's sister, Molissi Nix, arrived in Pensacola, on the 22 to spend Christmas, and was highly entertained by many of the friends of the Raineys. She will go to Jacksonville to spend a week with them and will then leave for home on the 8th. The Raineys send regards to friends in and out of the profession, especially to Billie Reas, Miss Laura Smith, McNeal and McNeal. Paul Cortos and all other friends write me. Wrote E. B. Dudley's show at Chattanooga; all friends write. W. M. Rainey.

CINCINNATI THEATRES.

The Pekin and the Gaither Both Up to Date Play Houses.

The Smart Set Company had no effect on the Brownsville houses this week. The Pekin bill opened with Miss Lucy Shepherd, who is as good if not a little better than any of the vocalists that are booked in. C. W. Beebe follows Miss Shepherd with some good songs and a good monologue; he has improved since he last appeared in this city. Webb and Gillam are next on the bill; they have a nice act; Miss Gillam makes a nice appearance and Webb dances as well as ever. Prof. Alonza Moore, the man of many mysteries, closes the bil with his many Hindoo wonders. The professor is a good entertainer. He introduces many new features that he did not use the last time here. He is by far the best we have seen around.

At the Gaither the Manhattan Belles were held over with a new act, these girls ought to be able to work several weeks on the avenue. Claiburne Jones has been added to the bill in the Yama man, and the Zulu chief; his work is not new here, as he has appeared before in the same characters, but the act is highly appreciated.

Mr. S. H. Dudley, of the Smart Set Company, playing at Heuck's theater this week, is the guest of Mr. E. G. Gaither.

Miss Sadie Ogle, secretary and bookkeeper of the Pekin, is still confined to her bed.

OFFERINGS OF THE NEW YEAR IN CHICAGO

The Coming Competitive Crisis and the Cordiality of the Critics.

By Sylvester Russel.

The New Year is here, and State street draws nigh completetion and the curtain goes up on the salient view of the moving picture machine; all of which will probably materialize at the new theatre to be built.

The Monogram and Pekin Theatres are to switch in line for this new opposition. The Monogram Theatre management has already given indications of popular favor. They entered into a co-operative class with the business men of the community, and this particular newspaper of the popular syndicate, which consumes all the news, will be able and willing to point out the places where the best attractions may be seen.

We understand the Monogram is to have its name painted in large plain black letters, easily seen. Just what this theatre's management is going to do can not be given out, but they are in the field to stay. One thing is certain, there is no hostility between the legitimate press and this theatre. The days of ignorant managers trying to dictate to the newspaper representatives is over. Managers who are intelligent know that such a representative would be beneficial to thir business, and therefore treat them right. Any manager who thinks he can handle a newspaper representative by brute force or intimidation is always defeated in the end. Unlawfully prohibiting a representative of a leading newspaper from his theatre is the worst disaster a manager can bring upon himself. It was once tried by a manager in New York, and today the theatre is closed.

The best course for a manager to take with a representative of a newspaper is not to tamper with them at all, as they generally have more opwerful friends than enemies. I mention these facts because I have often been ifromed that the colored newspaper was a jok, but I wish to deny the assertion and prove that the colored press is not a joke. The papers I represent are far from being a joke. The Negro race and the interested white people are informed about the doings of our race in a responsible manner, theartically, socially and religiously. Although I am sick and tired of ignorance, I am willing for any manager of that class to consider that I am a joke until cordiality runs out and the tide turns. At present I wish all the State street managers good luck for the new year.

Another Great Show at the Monogram.

There was a rush for seats at the Monogram during the holidays. The feature of the bill was the James Sisters, two handsome and cultivated singers. "Sweetheart of My Dreams," by Miss Ethel, was the first number; and "My Ever Loving Southern Girl" was a nice duet. "My Luon Queen" was their final rendition and was well received.

The Two Russels, as a novel sketch team kept the audience in an uproar.

Then came "The Girl in Red," Miss Annie St. Claire (I think she has added the "e"). Her act is rather spicy, but Miss St. Claire has been on State street before, and is rather shy of the critic.

Perrin and Perrin, a good team of white boys, held the stage as twin dancers.

Three New Acts at the Grand.

Johnson and Wells, artistic singers and dancers, received favorable applause. Our space will not permit of a full report of the lavish proportions of this act.

Miss Abbie Mitchell entered in on her final week at this house.

Madge Clinton is back again and her dance is creating a sensation.

Walker and Harris' comedy act was a decided hit, as the dancing was excellent.

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Sidney L. Perrin is on the sick list.

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Jones and Grant are filling dates in and around the city.

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Murphy and Thomas will soon return to the city.

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Davis and Walker opened on the big time last week at Columbia Theatre, at St. Louis, Mo.

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Miss LaBelle Glenn has been threatened with pneumonia. She contracted a severe cold in Michigan.

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"Mocking Bird Rube" (Neil Matthews) opens at Ollie Dempsey's theatre in Cincinnati, January 23, then goes to Springfield, O.

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Marcellius Mason, formerly treasurer of the Pekin theatre, has just received an important business letter from A. L. Erlanger of Klaw & Erlanger.

FRANK MONTGOMERY.

Much discussion has been going the rounds among stage folk for some time past as to the possible successor to the shoes of the late George Walker as a "straight" man. I believ Sherman Coates to be the most consistent candidate. After him come a number of mediocre possibilities. Chief among these Frank Montgomery is the standout quantity. His mannerism, stage appearance, gestures and dress are convincingly similar to Mr. Walker. He is nimble of foot and limb, and with a chorus behind him one finds himself intuitively comparing hi mwith the great genius who has gone before.

Montgomery is at present a member of the Crown Garden Stock Company, Indianapolis, engaged specially to play straight

parts opposite to the low comedian efforts of George Taylor. The Indianapolis public has received him well and he is already a pronounced favorite with the audiences. This stock work is bound to prove a profitable training school and is sure to develop his natural abilities.

Frank Montgomery was for some time connected with one of the large music publishing houses of New York City as song writer and producer. He has staged several song numbers in white companies and is one of the few colored performers who has been engaged as amusement director with a white show. He was at the Troccodoro all last summer in Philadelphia. In the old Pekin days he was one of the right hand men of the late J. Ed Green. J. D. HOWARD.

CROWN GARDEN THEATER AT INDIANAPOLIS

Making Good With Its New Stock Company—Capacity Business Each Night—Company Composed Mostly of Chicagoans—"A Picnic of Dixie," the Musical Company Now Running, a Great Hit With the Patrons.

(By J. D. Howard.)

The musical comedy, "A Prince of Dixie," now running at the Crown Garden Theater, is packing them to the doors at every performance. It would seem from the tremendous patronage the play is drawing that the people had grown tired of vaudeville. The new company is proving not only a diversion but a pronounced novelty. The personnel of the cast is as follows:

Will Daly	Frank Montgomery
Mamie Brown	Miss Bessie Brady
Mose Jenkins	James Brown
Mesenger	Elwood Woodring
Rastus Brown	Pearl Churchill
Parson Brown	Eddie Stafford
Aunt Mirandy	Mamie Jones
Lilly Snow Jackson	Lena Mitchell
Jube Jones	Mayme Brown
Sue Simpkins	Maude Hudson
Jeff Jackson	Mr. Geo. Taylor
Teacher	Miss Lizzie Hart

The piece is laid out in two fast and furious acts. The scenario is confined to one setting, which is the front yard at the home of Parson Brown, near Chicago. I am informed that the play is the handiwork of Mr. Geo. Taylor, who is cast as the low comedian. He takes the character Jeff Jackson. Mr. Taylor, in some situations, is very funny indeed. In his work one can see the underlying principles which, when thoroughly developed, will push him to the front ranks among the best of them. His two songs, "All Wise Chickens Follow Me," and "I ain't Going to Walk Back Home," were sizzlers and went big. The latter of these songs, I am told, were composed by an Indianapolis man, Mr. Onis Williams, as was also another song in the show, entitled "I am the Man With All the Dough." This song is introduced in the last act by Frank Montgomery, whose almost perfect gestures and "business" remind one strikingly of George Walker. He costumes his characters up to the minute, all of which tends to lend realism, reminding one of our old friend, who, alas! has received his last curtain call.

"Mrs. Lilly Sno wWhite Jackson," the grotesque character of the play, in the hands of Lena Mitchell, fares well. In this young woman are centered wonderful possibilities for the future. She is a Mabel Hite, a Murrel Ringgold and a Sis Hopkins all in one. If a "Tom Show" manager could once see her work her stock would at once take flight and soar to the clouds with little Eva landing upon the $75.00 per strata in the haven of "made goods." It is positively appalling for one to consider what a tremendous hit she would make appearing in the character of Topsy in a well cast and well set "Tom Show." She has the "goods" and evolution is going to prove that I haven't mised my guess. Her dancing is nimble, loose and artful at all times. The triumvirate which I have mentioned as being represented in her work will finally adjust itself to one character and when it does somebody's sun which is now, perhaps, the one big glimmer, is going to be seriously dimmed if not snuffed out altogether. But then enough of this ugly "gal," which, by the way, is one of her chief assets, as I have others to speak of in the cast.

Miss Bessie Brady, a new one on me, caused me to sit up and take notice. She appeared as "Mamie Brown," the daughter of "Parson Brown," a dainty, petite school miss. She is strong as an ingenue, and a valuable acquisition to any stock company. As a soubrette, I imagine she would be a sure winner. She has a pleasing voice, although a trifle weak; her doncing, however, grace and good looks, make up for what her voice may lack in strength and forcefulness. There is another standout quality vested in this young miss that few colored women possess, and that is good taste in dress and a knowledge of how to put her clothes on and wear them after they are on. I mean to watch her future career closely.

Eddie Stafford, a home boy, handled the part ofthe decrepit old minister satisfactorily. It was the first time I had ever seen him work from under the cork. I give him full credit for his conception of the part. And while he is not a Bob Kelly, he is right now in a school where he has an excellent chance to develop himself into one, that is, if the management intends to keep him in the roles of old men delineations.

The "big noise" of the company and no doubt its feature card, is the now well known Miss Lizzie Hart. She has sung her way into the hearts of the people and doubtless will be a factor in the company as long as she cares to remain. Her voice, stage presence, "business," costumes, everything have undergone a wonderful change since her early training in the old Pekin Stock Company. Miss Hart is versatile. She studies her audience. If they prefer suggestion in her songs, she is there with the goods and can hand it out to them in chunks. If they be stilted, prosaic and conventional, she can sing to them in altogether another vein of both action and gesture. Thus her study of human nature is proven. I am inclined to think Miss Hart could work anywhere and give satisfaction, from a burlesque show up to a Chatauqua concert. And making this statement let me assure you that I fully realize the immensity of the scale I have given her to climb from one extreme to the other. That is what I term real art. Miss Hart is a very pretty girl which helps her materially in her work.

The rest of the cast, including James Brown, Elwood Woodring, Pearl Churchill, Mamie Jones, Mayme Brown and Maude Hudson, were all adequate in the parts assigned to them.

The chorus is spritely and well dressed. One of its members, Bonny Clark, is a man who makes up so cleverly as a girl that it is difficult to tell where nature ceases and art begins. He is a female impersonator. Indianapolis furnished three recruits to the ranks of the chorus girls, namely, the Misses Florence and Seymour McClain and Blanch Hopkins, who by the way is Eddie Stafford's sister, and no doubt intends to become a permanent Thespian. She starts off promisingly indeed. The other girls in the chorus were Effie Moore, Jessie Lane, Emmer Fay, Grace Edwards and Anna Evans.

Two performances are given each evening with matinee on Sunday. The prices of admission are ten and twenty cents. Each performance lasts one hour and thirty minutes.

PAUL LAMERO.

The city of Indianapolis is much indebted to Providence for sending into its midst Paul LaMero Coming as stranger, he has, in a short time, made many friends among both races. His sterling worth as a far-seeing financier has been thoroughly demonstrated to the people by his erection of the Crown Garden Theater and his successful management of same since its opening several weeks ago.

Mr. LaMero's profession is that of a performer. He is a wire walker of known ability. His act has appeared over some of the best vaudeville time of the country. It was his profession that brought him originally to Indianapolis. Seeing the ripeness of the field for the establishment of a theater for colored people he immediately set himself the task of bringing it about.

His efforts to convince capital of the ultimate success of such an enterprise were long and laborious. However, with his untiring energy he kept at his self-imposed task and finally succeeded in interesting a white man of means who backed up his ideas with good hard cash. As the result the colored citizens of Indianapolis are now enjoying one of the largest and best equipped show houses to be found anywhere in the Middle West, the only exception being the Pekin Theater of Chicago.

A marvelous feature of LaMero's attractive personality is his wonderful versatility. The man displays such a thorough knowledge of things in general, although foreign to his profession, that one is forced to pause and wonder where he learned it all. In the construction of the Crown Garden Theater, LaMero's hand is to be seen almost everywhere. He drew the plans, painted the scenery (and by the way some scenery, too) dictated and directed the workmen during the construction of the building and besides managing the house and its attaches, if necessary, he can fill in and officiate at any piece in the orchestra. How is this for variety of intellect? Mr. LaMero is a most interesting man to talk to. He has traveled very extensively and by nativity is a Mexican. We are glad to have such a man among us as a part of our cosmopolitan citizenship. May his enterprise prove as big a success in the long years of the future as it has during the several weeks it has been running. The house is now playing "stock" (two shows nightly) to capacity business. May the theater stand in the long after years, not only as legacy to the people but as monument to the great mind that promulgated it when he shall have passed to the Great Beyond. J. D. HOWARD.

THE PASSING SHOW AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

By W. P. Bayless.

The attractions at the theaters for the holidays were well planned. All the managers held out rare treats along the line of high class amusement for the theater goers during the week between Christmas and New Years. Mr. Bert Williams was at the New National during the week and it was thought by many that his presence in the city would lessen the attendance at the other theaters, however all were well attended. In speaking of Bert Williams in the "Follies of 1910," one of the Washington papers comments as follows: "A feature of the entertainment is the appearance of Bert Williams, who is unquestionably one of the best vaudeville entertainers of the period, in some of his inimitable songs. He contributed a new list, embracing "Constantly," "Believe Me," "In The Evening," and in "The Watermelon Patch," interpolated several others. He is highly entertaining, and scored with every one of his songs, but notably in "Believe Me" and in his pantomime description of a poker game. Besides these he figured prominently in several of the travesties, and, altogether, his efforts stand as one of the best parts of the program, although there will probably be a disposition in some quarters to remark that he properly belongs to vaudeville or in a show purveyed by members of his own race."

Hiawatha Theatre.

On the bill at the Hiawatha theater last week were Epps and Loretta and also T. Spencer Finley. The show, on the whole, was a good one. Mr. Finley, in his real funny jokes on timely topics, was a very clever fun manufacturer.

Howard Theatre.

During the week of December 26th Mr. J. Leubrie Hill and a troupe of fifty were seen at the Howard in a well-planned and entertaining three-act musical comedy, entitled "Blackville Corporation," which is Mr. Hill's latest production. The entertainment offered by the company was highly appreciated and the band that each performer received showed that the audience was well pleased with these funidians whom they remembered in "My Friend From Dixie." The "Blackville Corporation" was more largely attended than was "My Friend From Dixie," although the latter was the meritorious of the two. For fun the "Blackville Corporation" surpassed anything seen at the Howard for some time. It contained an excellent plot, original features, song hits and enough novelties to stock many similar shows. The music was arranged by Prof. Will H. Vodery, the book and lyrics were by J. Leubrie Hill.

The principal parts were played by: Richard W. Shelton, as Byankus Blackville, the heir to a large fortune. Mr. Shelton is without a doubt the real successor to the great Bert Williams—"nuf sed". William Brown, as Rastus Brown, who is Byankus Blackville's guardian, is a close second of George Walker; throughout the entire play the audience sees in Shelton and Brown the exact copy of Williams and Walker as they were in "Bandanna Land." Louis A. Mitchell, who impersonates Jasper Jenkins, a rich land owner and planter, creates a storm of applause whenever he appears; J. Leubrie Hill impersonates Sandy Turner, the president, chairman and treasurer of the Blackvile Corporation. Mr. Hill is no doubt one of the best actors on the American stage. Mayme Butler assumes the character of Matilda Jenkins, the wife of Jasper; Evon Robinson plays the role of Mandy Jenkins, the oldest daughter who has just returned from college; Leona Marshall, as Cinthy Jenkins, is quite a favorite and received many encores whenever she sang; Hattie Akers, as Diana Jenkins; Coleman Minor, as Rub Jinkins, the apple-jack man, was quite a success; Quetta Watts, as Maria Sparks, a charming school teacher, made a very favrable impression; George T. Price, Jr., as Tom Collins, a noted colored lawyer; and David Taylor, as Rev. Sparks, made a hit. The principal characters were supported by a large and well-drilled chorus.

The musical numbers scored big with the audiences. Special mention should be made of "When the Corn is Waving, Annie Dear," sung by Celestial Cook; "Sweetness," by Charley Woody; "The Warmest Baby in Town," by William Brown; "Honey Bunch," by Evon Robinson; "Constantly," by R. W. Shelton; "Sue Simmons," by Leona Marshall; "Why Do You Wait For Tomorrow," by Benj. Hutchinson; "Gay Manhattan Rag," by Mayme Butler. Each one of the above mentioned numbers received several encores. The company will play "My Friend From Dixie" at Norfolk next week after which they will tour the South.

Dabney Theatre.

Dixon and Hanson were on the bill at the Dabney last week and played to a crowded performance at each performance Mr. Dixon is a very good comedian and always loks the part that he tries to convey in his monologue.

Chelsea Theatre.

This beautiful theater is managed by the hustling Harry Bond. On the bill last week were Mr. T. Hortson Washington and Miss Alice Dangerfield. The music and life motion pictures were very good.

Notes.

Mr. Clarence Cameron White, the noted violinist who is touring the West, whites from Denver, Colo., that he is doing nicely and sends greetings of the season.

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George W. Battles, the understudy of Prof. Will H. Vodery, has gone on the road with "My Friend From Dixie" as musical director.

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Prof. Will H. Vodery enjoys the pleasure of having two shows in town this week using music he arranged for them. "The Follies of New York and Paris" and "Down in Dixie Minstrels."

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"Down in Dixie Minstrels" at the Howard in Washington this week, featuring John Rucker. Those prominent of the company are: Ed F. Peat, James Crosby, Arthur L. Prince, Campbell and Warfield and Moris Craig. The company is making good.

PETER GIBSON FINCH SAYS

Save your money; the "good-timers" of today make the paupers of tomorrow.

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Well, so far as you have gone, how do you like the year 1911? In checking up your life account, in which column are you entitled to put the year 1910, in the profit or loss column?

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Judging from the show that was given last week by one of the theaters in the neighborhood of 31st street, what Chicago needs is an ordinance for the protection of audiences. Some mighty rotten stuff is being passed off on the public nowadays as vaudeville acts.

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New Year's resolutions are made and broken with such ease that a man who makes one and lives up to it should be regarded something in the light of a hero.

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I was reading the other day a statement that the salary of the white actor was not as much as it is generally supposed to be. And the same statement is true, doubly true, of the Negro performer. The Negro performer saves nothing—Mallory Brothers, of course, excepted. Two weeks out of work and he is hard put to it financially. If the third week finds him contractless, then he must open negotiations with the Jew.

To avoid these trying conditions he must work for whatever salary the manager sees fit to offer. And you know, I know, and everybody knows, managers are not charitable institutions, but drive hard bargains in such instances. You could hardly afford a dinner at Sherry's with such a salary as he will offer, but should consider yourself among the fortunates if you can meet the Greek at the regular dining hours.

If the general public only knew what scant salary the Negro performer takes down for one week's work, instead of so many trying to break into the profession, there would be a general exodus to other fields of human endeavor.

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THE NEW GRAND.

Ere long the new Grand Theater will swing open its doors to the public. Everybody is on the tip toe of expectancy to find out just what sort of a place the New Grand will be; how it will be furnished; what kind of shows will be offered and how the place will be conducted in general.

The New Grand will fill a long felt want, but it must just fill it, not under-fill it, nor over-fill it. If the management will study the waning prestige of some of our local theaters, mines of information may possibly be gained. It may at least learn what not to do.

The new theater must give the public good shows, produced by the best Negro talent in the business. The public will not stand for one or two good acts and the rest padding, nor will it stand for a paleface bill. Public decency and morality must be maintained even if it is necessary to censor an act so strongly as to censor it off the bill.

Politeness and civility to all who pass through its portal should be a rule maintained at all times. It must not be run on a "public-be-damned" policy. It should study assiduously the convenience and comfort of its patrons. The public must not be bull-dozed. If a well-known critic, or any other patron wants to exchange his tickets for better seats, let it be done in the most polite manner possible.

And last, but not least, let the new house have a good orchestra. The orchestra may be said to be the foundation of a vaudeville house; then let the house have as good foundation as can be secured.

If the new house is conducted along such lines, it will get the lion's share of the business, it will keep its S. R. O. sign in constant use.

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George Washington was the father of his country all right, but George is fast losing prestige. The principal use now made of his birthday is to furnish a good date to pull off a prize fight. Patriotism and pugilism are becoming so mixed that it is difficult to tell which is which.

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Whenever I see one of those monstrosities called "hobble-skirts" I am forced to think what a strong habit fashion is. Some women are such devotees of fashion, or in other words have the fashion habit so strong that were it decreed by fashion that the prevailing style would be the ancestral garments Eve wore in Eden, they would follow it.

Some of these days women will realize that the only fashion rule to follow is what becomes them. Not many days ago I saw a colored woman whose avoirdupois would easily put her in the heavyweight class, hobbling down State street, with one of those gowns on. As I saw this fashion-fool go by me, I would have cracked my face had I been denied the privilege of laughing.

PETER GIBSON FINCH.

DEATH COMES TO MR. VERNON SKINNER

He Was a Good Performer and Much Beloved Member of "The Rabbit's Foot" Company.

Mr. Elwood C. Knox,

Dear Sir: I wish to announce the death of Mr. Vernon Skinner, of the team of Skinner and Skinner, who left the Rabbit's Foot Company at Gainesville, Fla., December 15th for Baltimore, and died December 21st. This team was well known throughout the country, and has traveled with all of the colored popular shows of America, among them being Isham's Octoroons, Big Sensational Company, Old South Company, Martell's South Before the War, Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company No. 1, and A. D. McPhee's (Downie) Tom show. For the past three seasons they have appeared in vaudeville through the East, until last September, he came to Florida for his health. In his stopover in Jacksonville, he joined the Rabbit's Fot Company. Mr. Skinner was well known and popular with all the professional people, and he has always been given credit for being one of the greatest little performers in his line of work. He was also a good composer and producer as well, and we must say, a perfect little gentleman in every respect. It certainly was a great shock to us, and a sad blow to his wife and all other professional people who knew him, and the C. U. B. A.'s of which he was a member. Very Respectfully, Mr. Mack Allen, of "A Rabbit's Foot" Company.

PARK THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS.

The world's acknowledged leader in the art of magic, Howard Thurston, the man chosen by Kellar the Great to be his successor when he retired from the stage, will be seen at the Park Theatre the entire week of January 9, 1911, with popular matinees every day.

Thurston not only had the advantage of learning secrets from Kellar, who spent a lifetime in studying the secrets of the magic art, but has invented many new and mysterious ilusions himself, spending years of study on them.

The largest of his new illusions, one never seen before in this city, is called "The Great Abbot '40' Auto Mystery," on which he has worked for five years in perfecting an illusion which seems to border on the supernatural. The Lady and the Lion is always a wonderful trick, when a beautiful woman is placed in a cage, suddenly to disappear, being replaced by a rampant African lion. The piercing arrow, which apparently passes through the body of one of Thurston's assistants, is another thriller.

Traveling with Mr. Thurston this season is Theodore Bamberg, the greatest shadowgraphist in the world, who comes direct from Paris.

CHICAGO, ILL.

The Youngest Soubrette.

Mrs. Flourney E. Miller has just returned from a delightful three months' trip down East with her husband, Mr. Miller, of Miller and Lyles. She has been in every large city of importance in the East. While in Lynn, Mass., Mr. Lyles' baby girl, one year and seven months old, ran away from her mother in the dressing room and out on the stage where her father and Mr. Miller were doing their act. It's needless to say that she created a lot of laughter and applause, but she was not frightened a bit, but took in everything, even to inspecting the street drop behind the boys, trying to put her little fingers through the window that was painted on the drop. Seeing she could not do that, she started picking ravelings and thread off her father's pants. That brought the house down, the boys couldn't be heard so they went into the boxing act after talking the baby off. Mr. Lyles says he is going to send her over the circuit next year as a soubrette. This week the boys are at Polis Theater, Springfield, Mass. This finishes all of Polis time which the boys have worked. Next week they are at Keith's Theater, Boston, Mass. They will get back to Chicago in May, being booked solid until then.

THE HOUSTON THEATER.

The Goodloes opened at the Houston Theatre, in Louisville, Ky., this week, playing scenes in Chinatown, staged by Mr. Goodloe. The cast contains Miss Stewart, Mrs. Laura Moss, Miss Lillian Brown, Miss Carrie Stithe, Mr. Conley and Mr. Davenport, Mr. Goodloe playing the leading character, which is as good as the best. He is a comedian of note.

Mrs. Goodloe is good in singing the "Dying Rag."

Miss Brown is still a great coon shouter, and makes a hit.

Mrs. Moss sings with success.

Conley as Chinaman is good.

Messrs. Stewart and Stithe are as good as ever. Their foot work is grand.

Mr. Davenport is fair as a straight man.

The company is playing to crowded halis every night.

The music led by Mr. George Ayres is grand.

Mrs. Houston would like to hear from Allen's Troubadours.

NOTES OF THE HARRISON BROS. MINSTRELS.

The show is still in the Lone Star State (Texas), showing to crowded houses.

Brown and English are still getting a goodly portion of the applauses.

Eddie Carson and Upton Williams have closed and are in Houston, Tex.

Miss Effie Moore, May Armstrong, Willa Jones, our female section, are making great hits.

Prof. Willie Timmons certainly has a fine little band, consisting of twelve instruments. Prof. Scott has charge of the orchestra.

Thomas Thompson joined us from Kansas City, and is playing clairnet in the band, and making a hit singing "You Are Just Too Sweet to Live.

Kid Singleton, our youn gcomedian, is rapidly coming to the front.

The bunch is well and everybody is happy.

THE McKINZIE THEATRE, AUGUSTA, GA.

We are still moving along nicely and business is good. All Christmas week we had packed houses. Philip "Buster" Austin, is out principal comedian, and he has made friends of every man woman and child that visits the theater. Lila Kay, the South Carolina song bird, who has only been in the business ten weeks, is fast coming to the front as a coon shouter. Wiggins and Wiggins, Jack and Lena, are still with us and they are going as big now as they did on their opening night. Jack Wiggins is a dancing poor boy, and the manager of the house has a standing offer of $500 which he will give to any dancer that can clean Wiggins in a contest. The Merry Howards, Dad, Ma, Edward and Nettie, that versatile singing, talking and sketch team, are still here. Mrs. Howard seems to improve at every performance. Mrs. Susie Baugh has a smile for every patron as they step up to the ticket office window. Mr. Edward L. Howard is the best stage manager that has ever put on a show in my theater, his rehearsals are prompt at all times. Mr. Howard knows how to treat a performer. Mr. Isaac Wheeler is proprietor of the McKinnie Theater, Augusta, Ga. The entire bunch says hello to the Skinners, Ransom and Ransom, McGill and Harris, Dudley and wife, Laura Smith, Ed. Daniels, Alice Ramsey and Joe Means.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Mr. Calvin is quite ill at this writing ....Mr. W. W. Floyd, of St. Louis, Mo., one of the leading chefs of this country, will take charge of the Sheffield hotel the first of January. Mr. Floyd is also a representative of the Bluff City News.... Mr. Gawdy Allen and Mr. Andrew Hayes will soon leave on a pleasure trip to the Isthmus of anama....Mr. N. A. Carter, of Mensagee, Miss., has spent the holidays with his cousin, Mr. A. T. Smith, of Courtland, Ala....Mr. Bennie Parkham, of Memphis, was called to the bedside of his sick brother, Calvin, today....Mrs. Rebecca Johnson wishes to thank her many friends for their kindness to her during her illness....The Freeman will be found at any time at Mr. E. H. Field's office. Anyone wishing to leave any matter for The Freeman, corner second and Nashville avenue.

MARION, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. and Mrs. James ondo, of Weaver, spent New Years in the city....Mrs. Price, of Kokomo, Ind., spent Sunday the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. D. Scott, and family Sunday....Mr. and Mrs. Bailey entertained the Sorosis Club ladies and their husbands Wednesday evening at their home, 204 S. Meridian street.... Mrs. J. M. Dyson entertained Tuesday afternoon in honor of her guest, Mrs. T. E. Willson, of McKeesport, Pa....Services begin each evening at Bellville church. Rev. Shaffer pastor....Mrs. Margaret Gulliford had as her guest last week Norman Harris, of Indianapolis. ....Rev. Lowe, local deacon of Bethel church, Indianapolis, addressed the Allen Endeavor League of Bethel church at 6:30, and preached at 7:30....Mrs. Amos T. Nichols spent New Years in Van Wert Ohio, as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wadkins, also Mrs. Elia Byrd, of Lima, Ohio....Ed Carsons's Colored Show Company presented "Derby Day in Coon Town," and it is a fine show. The Nickels Sisters, Leona and Ollie, have good futures ahead of them as stars of the stage. Leona is said to be one of the best singers in the State....Quite a number attended the dance at Kokomo Monday night.

PADUCAH, KY.

A New Lodge of the Knights of Pythias Installed.—Company H, K. of P., Gives a Banquet.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Keystone is the name of the new lodge of Knights of Pythias that was set up in Paducah recently. Something less than forty young men were initiated in this grand order of intelligent citizens...... Thursday night, December 29, the uniform rank Company H, K. of P., gave their second annual banquet at the Odd Fellows' hall. Paducah's society circle was out in full to witness the affair that had long been wished for. The reception table was made in the form of a capital H, and was decorated in keeping with the holiday colors. December's most delicious repast was served at this H table. Seated at the table were Sir Knight Col. S. H. George, of Co. H, Mrs. Steele, of Clarksville, Tenn., Miss Copely, a charming visitor in the city, who, sang that beautiful song, "In the Garden of Roses." Miss Copely's style of song delivery is great and was well received. The committee on entertainment, and Company H generally delight in making it pleasant for all patrons and visitors. Sir Knight General V. J. Davis was present, and as usual performed every duty assigned him.

LOUISIANA, MO.

The churches all had their Christmas trees, and each was well attended....Elder Charles Tucker, of Oklahoma, delivered a powerful sermon Sunday night at the A. M. E. church....Mr. John Huff and wife spent Christmas day in Hannibal, Mo., visiting friends and relatives. ....Mrs. Eliza Wells visited her son McKinley in Clarksville, Tuesday.... Mrs. earl Steel, of Paynesville, was up and enjoyed Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Wheeler....Rev. Anna Goins has returned from her tour through the South. Rev. Tucker accompanied her home....We are sorry to hear of Mr. George Hakin's death Monday night. He leaves a family with the exception of a wife, who died about a year ago. Mr. Hakin was a barber by profession and followed his trade until about a year ago when he was stricken with stomach trouble, which resulted in his death. We extend sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends....Mr. Perry Davis, who has been suffering with tuberculosis of the bowels, passed away last Thursday night. Mr. Davis was a good man and had many friends, who regret to hear the sad news. We sympathize with the daughter over the loss of her dear father. ....A happy New Year to one and all. ....William Bratton is agent for The Freemanat 401 S. Third street.

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The Stage.

Gaston and Meriweather are still playing at the Vendome Theatre, St. Louis, Mo., making a big hit.

Fred Lewis has taken the management of the Senate Theatre and hopes to see all his friends, as he expects to make it the leading picture house in the city for colored patronage.

Mason and Thompson passed through the city last Sunday enroute to Chicago. The team had just filled a satisfactory engagement at the Houston in Louisville. They opened at the Monogram in Chicago on January 2, for one week.

A midnight matinee was a feature of the Crown Garden in Indianapolis, on New Year's Eve, which proved unique and highly enjoyable. The manager, Paul LaMero, gave a spread by way of a banquet at the Pekin Hotel after the show, thus ending the night right gloriously

Miss Lillian Brown wishes to state that she regrets very much that she was unable to take Miss Gladys' part in the Smart Set, owing to her illness at the time. She opened at Louisville the week past, staging the stock with much success. Miss Brown has not been well for four weeks, but is better at this time. Her mother, of Atlanta, Ga., will join her this week.

THE QUEEN THEATRE, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

The Fisher Trio and the song and dance team of Chatman and Burton closed here last Saturday night. The latter team was formerly with the Alabama Blossoms. Mr. Chatman was called to see his people in Birmingham, while Burton remained at the Queen, but will go to Birmingham soon on a visit. They are fine in singing and dancing acts, and have a bright future before them.

Ed. Simpson took the house by storm with his barrel act, which is very funny. The afterpiece entitled "Mr. and Mrs. Nickle" went big.

Mr. Penee is a fine juggler. The Ransoms opened here on January 2.

IVY, THEATER, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

The Arntes opened December 19, fresh from the Joel circuit, none the worse for wear. All Chattanooga turned out to pay homage to one of the strongest acts in vaudeville, this being their first appearance here since their great triumph in England. Mrs. Arntes is as funny as Marie Dressler. (How is that?) The show opened with a two act musical comedy, "Fun in the White Folks' Kitchen," which was a scream. Lea Mitchell, our soubrette, responded to many encores. Watkins and Watkins are still big favorites singing "Stop That Rag." "Big Brown Boolo Eyes." J. Beamon, the droll comedian, is a hit with E. B. Dudley's great song, "No More Chicken for Mine, If I Have to Run and Leave Them Behind," and "Oh, you Johnson." Lyon Daniels created a riot singing his parody on "Turkey in the Straw." The Royal Arntes closed the olio with the act they presented before the king. Mr. Arnte sends regards to Russell & Owens Company, also Pete Burton and all other friends. J. Beamon sends regards to Billy Cross, Bob Russell, Clarence Powell and all other friends in and out of the profession.

NOTES FROM "A BABBIT'S FOOT" CO., DUNNELTON, FLA.

Showed to a capacity house and the show went big, even though we were short a few people, but we have a full cast now and everything is going as smoothly as before. Mr. Robert Davis, late of the Globe Theater, Jacksonville, joined us here, and proved to be a valuable addition. Sadness was spread over our little company by the serious illness and departure to Baltimore of Mr. Vernon Skinner, our leading comedian and stage manager. The Woods sister team, Isabelle and Mayme, open the olio, and are a scream from start to finish in their act. Mis Isabelle Woods, as a male impersonator, is the best in her line. Mack Allen, the world famous slack wire artist, the greatest of his race in his line of work, holds the audience spellbound during his entire performance. We miss the strongest act in the olio by Mr. Skinner's departure, but our little soubrette, Mrs. Emma Skinner, being a performer of ability, went on without a moment's notice, and is making them scream with her monologue and songs. Kelly and Ford are making ahit with their funny sayings and eccentric dancing. The boys have a good line of talk, Ford with his comedy is making good and Kelly is a wonder with his dancing, making the crowd scream nightly, and all you can hear is, "ain't that boy a peach?" Mr. Robert Davis, who has just finished a four weeks' engagement at the Globe, is closing our olio, and he is certainly knocking them off their seats with his side-splitting monologue.

Our band and orchestra are still furnishing us good music, with Mr. Bose Gosey is the leader. He is certainly a musician of ability. We call him the second Arthur Pryor. Mr. Pat Chappelle, our owner and manager, has been absent a week, having gone to Jacksonville on business, but the show, under the direction of his two brothers, Messrs. L. W. and Jim Chappelle, and Mrs. Pat Chappelle, is moving smoothly. Mr. L. W. (son) Chappelle still wears that golden smile, and Mrs. Pat Chappelle is always kind and considerate, and does everything she can to make it pleasant for the performers.

THE GLOBE THAETRE, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

As a Christmas gift Manager Crowd gave the children a free picture matinee from 2 to o'clock. It was a treat for the little fellows. Mr. Crowd is a lover of children, being the father of nine himself.

For the patrons of the Globe Mr. Crowd offered the largest and best entertainment of the season. Fully 500 people were in line Monday night, December 26, waiting for tickets.

The curtain went up on a western drama entitled "Black Eagle," by Tim Owsley, with Francis Mores in the star part. The exciting situations in this act proved to be a good western show. The final climax was where Mores throws the villain from the bridge and saves the girl's life. At the last curtain Mr. Mores sang "Big Red Shawl," impersonating an Indian. The other characters were very god.

When Jones and Jones came on as the first vaudeville number the audience went wild. Jones is funny and his wife pleasing. They do a fine comedy skit, as good as we have seen.

Ray Nichols, the Eastern prima donna, has a pleasing voice.

Gardner and Gardner went well. Mr. Gardner, known as "Bat," is a wonderful dancer.

John Williams, the man behind the fun, was well received.

Houze and Houze closed the show and made a hit. Their act is very entertaining.

Mr. Crowd says he intends to keep making changes until he gets the business down where he wants it.

Mr. Crowd tendered all the actors and musicians of the Globe Theatre a banquet Tuesday night after the show.

J. Francis Mores was exalted ruler of the evening. Tim Owsley song tenor in a quartet. E. F. Mikell played a solo on a chicken bone.

Mr. Crowd has issued contracts for his new vaudeville house which opens in 1912. He is wished a prosperous year by all.

Tim Owsley is very ill with rheumatism and is unable to walk.

The Southern Smart St will play in this city soon, iwth S. Tutt Whitney at the wheel of fun.

BALTIMORE NEWS.

Mr. Samuel Cole, of 649 Howard street, is quite ill....Mr. B. Jiggings is expected to be out soon after a long spell of sickness. He resides at 660 Dover street....Mr. Albert Gray has ordered The Freeman to be brought to him each week, at 604 Corwell street. ....Harry McCubbins, who is agent for The Freeman, is doing some fine work as a ventriloquist. He can teach it to any one. He resides at 16 W. Conway street.

MR. TIM OWSLEY, AN AUTHOR AND PRODUCER

"Tim, the Different" he is sometimes styled. But it is none other than Tim Owsley, the well-known producer of plays and songs. He is rather a young man, yet a very few have more things by way of playlets and songs to their credit.

The following are some of the songs by Mr. Owsley, most of which have become popular:

"Because I'm Lonesome."
"I Ain't as Foolish as I Look to Be."
"To Late."
"I'm Crazy, I Am."
"I Wish I Could Keep Company."
"You Can't Stay Here."
And others.

The following are some of Mr. Owsley's playlets:

"Influence."
"More Money Than Sense."
"The Battle of Make Believe."
"In Hell for Twenty Minutes."
"A Good Woman, a Bad Man."
"The New Doctor."
"Gay Town," and others.

Most of these, like his songs, have taken fine; have come permanent stage literature. Mr. Owsley is a comedian of recognized ability, also a successful stage manager. At this time he is assistant manager of the Globe Theater, Jacksonville, Fla.

S. TUTT WHITNEY, COMEDIAN, VOCALIST AND PRODUCER

S. Tutt Whitney easily ranks among the foremost Negro producers of today. He has done much excellent work by way of composing songs and playlets. Of his many songs are the following:

"The Man that Rules the Ttown."
"My Spanish Maid."
"I Ain't Built that Way."
"Love You Best of All."
"Linda, Be My Lady Lu."
"O, My Miss Mandy."

A few of his playlets are as follows:

"Prince Bungaboo."
"Blackville Strolers."
"Two Jolly Tramps."
"The Recruit."
"Derby Day."
"Hodge and Hodge."

Mr. Whitney has won a reputation as a stage manager, having served in that capacity for Gus Hill's Smart Set Co. season of 1905-6. He is a comedian and vocalist of success. At this time he is heading his own company under the management of Barton and Wiswell, now touring in the southwest.

THE WAR SCOUTS AND THE PEACE SCOUTS.

By Walker W. Thomas.

Scouts are men who go out ahead of a body of troopers in war to find out where the enemy is located, to watch what they are doing, to open the way and to guide their own column by day or by night.

A peace scout is a frontiersman who goes ahead of civilization and lives out in the wilds, as a hunter of big game, a trapper for fur pelts or a pioneer civilizing a savage country so that it may become a colony for an empire. A lot of peace scouting can be learned at home while you are young. A fellow looks like a fool who goes out to a colony as a tenderfoot and does not know how to light a fire, kill and cook his own food, build a hut or bridge a stream, and he looks worse than a fool if he is unable to find his way through a thicket or track an animal.

A young man, who had played on his school eleven and thought himself to be a wonder because of the applause he had received at home, went to a pioneer section, but he found that football and applause were of little use to him when it came to pioneering in the back woods with savages around. and he very soon got scared and offered a large rewar dto anyone who would get him quickly and safely out of that section and back home again. Well, if he had learned something of scouting before he ventured out he would have had the courage to go on and would have enjoyed a real good time in the life of adventure and success would have been his.

There is good fellowship among the scouts. Scouts the world over are brothers, wherever they meet. They have their secret rings, by which they recognize each other. They are helpful and hospitable to one another. A scout will give you the best of food and accommodation at his command, but he would no more expect you to pay for the same than he would expect you to spit in his face. A scout will sacrifice his life to save a pal, or even a stranger, especially so if the stranger should happen to be a woman or a child.

But the joy of scout life is the living out in the woods, under the stars, in the jungles and among the animals that inhabit them. He gets to know the ways of the beasts and their whereabouts by reading their tracks. He can find his way in a strange country without the aid of a map. With his keen sight he can see everything far and near before the slow-eyed townsman can notice anything. He has endurance which enables him to run down his game or escape from fast-running enemies, and he can stalk, creep or hide, while the ordinary individual would be seen at once. He can build a hut, a boat or a bridge, which means a knowledge in the use of the axe, and, of course, he can light his fire, cook his own food, make himself generally useful, thereby gaining much comfort. A scout's life is so cheerful that he always wears a smile, and when a few scouts get together around a campfire their songs and war dances are something fine.

The life and work of a scout can be learned and practiced both at home and at school. There are many thousands of boy scouts in Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. In winter they learn tracking, signaling, compass reading and all about the scout laws. They also play scouting games and listen to scouting yarns, and when summer comes around they are prepared to go into camp and practice scouting, and they find it to be great sport.

On becoming a scout you take an oath to three things, namely:

1. To be loyal to God and to the King.
2. To help other people at all times.
3. To obey the scout law.

You learn the secret signs of the scouts and their patrol calls. All patrols are named after animals, which you must imitate in order to communicate with other members of your patrol at night. A scout of one patrol is not permitted to use the cry of another patrol.

The scout laws bind you to be loyal, kind, obdient, cheerful and to do a good turn daily to some fellow creature. When you have learned the different duties of a scout and are able to perform them well, you are presented with a scout badge. Tto get a scout badge you must known considerable about woodcraft; that is, to learn animals, their habits, how to track them, be able to read the meaning of the tracks when you find them and learn the names of the different plants that are good to eat. You also must learn how to find your way in a strange country by means of a mapor the sun and stars. You must be able to light a fire and make signals with smoke the same as is done with flags. You must, of course, be able to build your own hut and cook your own food, and also learn to build a boat, make a bridge and safe life in cases of drowning, fire, runaway horses, etc. You are also expected to care for the sick and wounded.

When you are able to do all of these things you are entitled to wear the badge of a first-class scout.

To qualify as a sea scout it is necessary to practice boatmanship, and to qualify for special ranks and badges marksmanship, signalling, cycling, etc., should be practiced.

In summer you can camp either in the woods or by the sea and there carry out the scouting games and practices in backwoodsmanship.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Blue Grass Minstrels, the annual outing of the Pendennis club, will play at Loving's hall with a company of local artists, formerly of this city, J. K. Luvall, baritone soloist; Thomas Butler and Fred Vass, tenors; Hubert Williams, the noted yodler; Joe Haskins, one of our foremost bassoes; Stout and Johnson in droll songs and monologues; David Ducans, contortionist; the two Williams in songs and dances; Ewing and Johnson, buck and wing dancers; Vass and Donan, trombonists; W. Vandemeter, the fourteen-year-old comedian, who has won fame during his connection with the minstrels. This young comedian is a nephew of the late Earnest Hogan, who has won great fame throughout the East and West during his time. The minstrel has a good band under the direction of Mr. Wm. Porter. The minstrel also has a ladies' orchestra under the direction of Mr. Henry Dial, which has made great progress since last year. The boys are all looking well and say they have been very successful. Many friends of the city will welcome them home again. The doors will open at 7:30 p. m., admission 25c and 35c. Seats on sale at Deal's barber shop....The Emancipation celebration will be held at State Street Baptist church, January 2, at 11 o'clock a. m., by the colored citizens and the G. A. R. Post, No. 88. The following is the program: Introductory address, Rev. H. D. Carpenter; Emancipation proclamation to be read by Miss Sarah H. Rhodes; Solo, Mr. James Young; Oration, Prof. Jno. Jackson, of Columbus, Ohio; Address, Rev. C. Vaughn, of Russellville, Ky.; Song by the choir; Short Voluntary Addresses by members of the G. A. R. Post. At 11 o'clock, the street parade will form at Seventh Street Baptist church, and march in Kentucky to Main; up Main to State; out State to the church. All the civic organizations are requested to take part in the celebration. The procession will be led by the brass band followed by the old soldiers, Spanish-American war soldiers, Sons of Veterans, the schools, led by their teachers; civic organizations and citizens, which will make it quite enjoyable to all who attend the exercises....Mr. Clarence and mother, of 544 West Sixteenth street, Indianapolis, are visiting friends in this city after an absence of two years or more....A sacred concert was given at the State Street Baptist church Christmas evening at 7:30 o'clock. An excellent program was rendered.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

I am anxious to do greater work this coming year than before with the news items. I can [illegible] ou will give me that attention. O, do permit me to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, with an increasing financial success and wider circulation of this paper. Some of the home people now in other places say they keep up with our town by reading the Chattanooga news in The Freeman. I am glad of that, too, but three hundred copies of The Freeman can be sold in Chattanooga if you will help me with the circulation by publishing the news items I send, and then yearly subscribers will come along with my letters. Yes, let Chattanooga beat all the previous years by that way anyhow......The Sabbath, December 25, 1910, was Christmas day, and the great subject "The Birth of our Lord," was the main feature for this eventful occasion, being most eloquently sermonized by the divines in their various churches....And the Sunday schools had excellent Christmas exercises in which Santa Claus did the cheering of the hearts of the little folks, as they left with arms and handsful of the things representing the great event of the year, Christ's birth. St. James Baptist church had a money tree, about $30.00 in one dollars being placed upon the tree, a novelty, for the benefit of the church....The ladies of the Silver Leaf club of Prospect Baptist church tendered their annual Christmas banquet in honor of their pastor, Rev. B. M. Dudley, December 26, with a most excellent program. The same was witnessed by a large audience despite the inclement weather. The program was pronounced good in its rendition, too.... We note the restaurants, barber shops and the medical men were exceedingly busy during these holidays in their respective lines. Business has picked up no little....Prof. L. E. Graves, A. B., of Talladeega, Ala., is in the city, visiting Mr. S. S. Booker, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. We are satisfied that his stay in our historic town will be pleasant ....The re-union of the family of Rev. W. J. Houston was a noted event for the Christmas time. Such re-unions are a source of great joy....The New Year will be especially celebrated January 6th, at the Y. M. C. A. with an elaborate program. The various organizations will convene and combine to make this event exceptionally grand, and great speeches are to be delivered by the orators on this occasion....Mr. John Bell died December 25th, and his funeral took place at the Tompkins A. M. E. Zion church, of which the deceased had been a member for about twenty years. He was an excellent class leader, the clerk of the church, a faithful trustee, and a most worthy citizen. He was also a member of the F. and A. Masonic fraternity. The funeral services were held December 26th at 11 a. m., and a fine sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. E. M. Argyle, B. D. The following officiated: Elder A. S. Monroe, Rev. J. H. Bryant, D. D., Prof. Thos. W. J. Tobias, and Rev. Jas. Brown. The fraternity gave signs of their special attention to the deceased and a special car was chartered to convey the members to the place of interment, Frost Hill cemetery.

COATESVILLE, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

On Monday evening, December 26, 1910, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bolden, 2107 Carpenter street, Philadelphia, a grand reception was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lewis and Mrs. Laura Taylor, of New York City. Mr. Lewis is the inspector of customs at the New York port, and has made a host of friends in that city and elsewhere. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Thomas, 1510 S. Garnet street, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. N. Webster, 2349 N. Fawn street; Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bunwell, 1905 Carpenter street; Mr. and Mrs. William S. Bunwell, 716 Merchant street, Coatesville, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. James H. Craddock, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Clark, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Diggs, Mrs. Cata E. Thornton, 1508 S. Garnet street, Philadelphia, Mrs. Betty Clark, Mrs. Lizzie Jones, Mrs. M. DeSousa, Mrs. Florence Coleman, Mrs. Anna Bryant, Mrs. Nancy Smith, Mrs. Matilda Turner Forter, Mrs. Anna Brown; Misses Tillie Hughes, Vera Jones, Etta Freeman, Mamie Turner.

Other guests present were Miss Louise Turner, Miss Ray Turner, Mr. Edward Johnson, Mr. J. Thomas Frazier, Samuel Williamson, Mr. George Parris and Miss Catherine Parris, Mr. Veo Beek, Mr. W. H. Jones, Mr. Henry M. Garrett, Mr. George Mitchell, Mr. F. Garland McRae, Mr. Charles Ross, Mr. Terrell, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Jones, of Lancaster, Pa.

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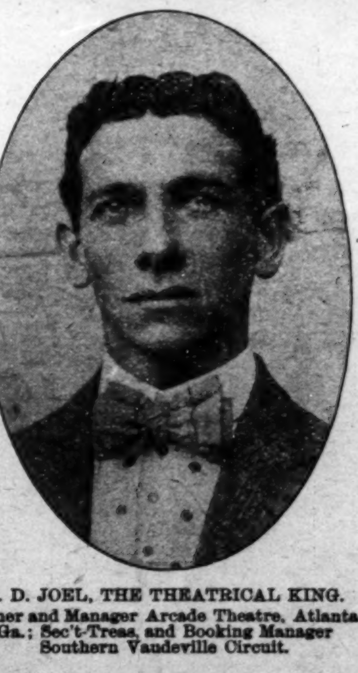

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In the Field of Sport.

BY HAROLD C. McGATH.

ALL ABOUT JACK JOHNSON.

It is a very wide awake scribe indeed in these days that can keep up with Champion Jack Johnson. The fact of the business is, he is not doing all reported of him. Today he is set down as doing this or that, and tomorrow it is denied. If things keep on in this manner it will not be very long before his position will be like the boy and the wolf story of years ago. The false alarm was given so often that when the wolf did come no one believed the boy was telling the truth when he yelled. Johnson may finally do something, but unless he gets at it very soon he never will be believed.

A $60,000 factory to manufacture something it is said Johnson had conceived in his mind while riding about the streets of Chicago. According to a report, here is the way the wizard of the ring puts it:

"I have watched men scrubbing windows, men painting buildings, pulling themselves up by hand, and the old-fashioned cranes and donkeys carrying heavy building material up several stories in construction work and thought there ought to be a safer and more simple contrivance for doing the same work. In my spare moments I tinkered around and worked out the lift which I have had patented. The apparatus I call a carless elevator. It can be worked by hand by men painting or operated by electricity or steam when the lifting of heavy loads is desired. It operates with a friction brake and is absolutely safe. I prize this invention more highly than my championship, and wish to state that is not for sale."

Don't like that name "Carless Elevator." A man flitting upward on the outside of a wall doesn't want to be handicapped by the name of his lift. Any safety terms would be all right, but nothing of uncertainty should be applied. The old fashioned way will be preferred to any short cuts that start out in doubt.

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The headline ran: "Jack Johnson to be papa." Everybody was on the qui vive, thinking of course that the stork was about to make its descent on the Johnson household. Already visions of the little Johnson or Johnsons arose, but it was not thus to be. Mrs. Johnson, Jack's wife, out of the goodness and fullness of her heart had prevailed on her noted husband to make things pleasant for the white and colored children of the neighborhood. Like the good man at heart that he is, Jack consented. The result was a Christmas tree with the urchins of the neighborhood gathered to do it honor, and at the same time to be honored by it.

Many will be pleased to note the vein of sentiment in the champion. Well, he is an artist even in that fighting business, and artists and those so inclined may be set down as made largely of heart. Hurrah for Jack! Well, suppose we put the woman front this time. Then it will be this way: Hurrah for Mrs. Johnson, Jack and the kids. If it wasn't the stork, it was a very good substitute. It should have been said that Mrs. Johnson is very fond of children.

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The Christmas party story seems genuine all right. But the one that says that Johnson will meet the winner of the Langford-Jeannette fight, scheduled for Paris, France, in February, is not so authentic. Here runs the story:

Jack Johnson, heavyweight pugilist, agreed last night to meet the winner of the Langford-Jeannette fight, scheduled to occur in Paris next February, in a twenty-five-round bout, to take place in France next April, for a purse of $25,000, provided the money is posted in America and an American is the referee.

"The reason I insist on an American as referee," said the champion, "is because I don't want any lemons handed me. If they don't come across with my two conditions, then there will be nothing doing."

As good as the above looked it appears that there's "nothing doing." Jack gives it out that America is good enough for him, and that he will not fight in any other place. He will be his own manager, and as such will map out his own career. Hear Jack on the subject:

"My next fight will be in this country before a judge whom I know to be an honest and fair man. I am my own manager, and if anyone has me tangled up in a fight over there I am not to blame. When the time comes for me to sign articles Jack Johnson will make all arrangements, and I will continue to do this until I definitely appoint someone to as as my manager."

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The latest information is that the champion is willing to fight for a purse that means $30,000 to him, win, lose or draw. He is willing to fight any man in the world, preferring to fight under the auspices of Hugh McIntosh, the Australian. It is not said that he insists on fighting under McIntosh or else no fight; nor is it understood that he will fight only in America.

McIntosh is now in Australia, where he is promoting the fight game. The following speaks of his activities:

The arena or stadium, as it is called here, where Hugh D. McIntosh holds all his championship contests, also minor bouts, is an open air pavalion, similar to the one erected by Tex Reckard and Jack Gleason at San Francisco and again at Reno for the Jeffries-Johnson bout last July. The Sydney stadium will accommodate 20,000 people, which number attended the Johnson-Burns battle in 1908, and which Mr. McIntosh claims was a larger crowd than the one at Reno.

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It will be noted that there's no immediate prospects of a first class scrap with Jack Johnson. The individual has not appeared on the horizon who offers to cross lances with him. The would-be aspirants from the four corners of the earth apparently have taken to their heels, leaving Johnson the cleanest-cut champion the world has ever known. And strange enough fear of him and respect for him increases rather than grows less. It appears that the terrible man is just becoming to be known, and to the extent that he is the physical phenomenon of the day and generation. He is like those strange, strong, yet small animals whose grapple is as hooks of steel. Besides his native ability he has unbounded confidence in himself. He says: "I have made a careful study of boxing and today I do not think there is a man in the world who knows the game and can execute it as well as I." Here then are the trinity of circumstances: nature, expertness and confidence, that goes to make up the unrivaled man—the veritable man of iron. L.

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GEORGE COLE FOULS.

Hits Fitzgerald When Down—Colored Fighter Ordered Out of Ring.

PHILADELPHIA—The bout at the Gayety Theatre a short time since came to an exciting and sudden wind-up in the third round. Jack Fitzgerald started his engagement of the week, meeting a different man each night in a four-round bout. His opponent was George Cole, the Negro middleweight. The first round was about even, neither man doing much damage. In the second round Cole outpointed Fitzgerald, landing several times without a return, Fitzgerald's hard swings not reaching the desired mark. Fitz started hitting pretty hard in the third round and Cole then wrestled him to the floor. When Fitz got up Cole rushed at him again, and in a clinch threw Fitzgerald again. Referee Eckhart waved Cole back, but he rushed over and struck Fitzgerald while the latter was on his hands and knees. It was a deliberate foul and Eckhart ordered Cole out of the ring.

BATTLING NELSON IN A "ROYAL" WITH STAGE HANDS

Has Fight in Him Yet—A Dozen Men and Police Required to Settle the Once Durable Dane.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—By whipping one fresh local prize fighter and three of the stage hands of the theatre in a free-for-all fight on the stage of the Academy of Music not long since, Battling Nelson demonstrated to an aduience of about 1,000 that he could come back. Frank Diamond, a husky local slugger, known as "Bananas," was put against Nelson in an exhibition bout, and it is averred by Nelson that "Bananas" tried to "slip one over," or tried to knock him out. Nelson, enraged, knocked Diamond down repeatedly, and when stage hands came rushing to the assistance of the fallen local man, Nelson began knocking them down as fast as they come. It required one dozen men, including the theatre fire police, to stop Nelson. At midnight Nelson was still mad. He said:

"The Diamond tried to knock me out. It was understood that we were to go easy and do some nice sparring, but he saw what he thought was an opening and tried to put me out. It was a mean and rotten trick for him to attempt. Of course, he didn't land on me, for I was watching him, but the fact that he was trying to cheat made me so mad that I saw red, and I just lammed into him like all fury and I had him all over the floor in a minute. His gang behind the scenes, his people among the stage hands, then rushed to his rescue and tried to maul me about and—well, I just cut loose on the whole outfit, and I was still going good when the rest of the theatre people and the police piled on me."

KID HOY,

The Eastern Champion Colored Welterweight, Will Make His Home in Muncie, Ind.

Kid Hoy, the Eastern champion colored welterweight, who is on a tour through Indiana, has decided to make his home in Muncie. Hoy is said to be one of the best colored boxers in the world. He has a promise to appear before the noted Athletic Club, of Cleveland, O.

Hoy was a school boy at Indianapolis, and like Jack and Charlie Blackburn, struggled along and is near the top in the athletic pugilistic business.

He appears before any club that calls for his services, and should any challenger desire to get a match with him, his address is 715 S. Walnut street, Muncie, Ind. He scales 148 pounds.

Since the noted colored boxer has arrived at the above address Mr. J. A. Burden will act as his manager.

Mr. Hoy spent Christmas at the hotel owned by Joe Gans, the noted lightweight pugilist who died recently.

Mr. Burden will advise the boxer and is glad to uphold the race in so formidable a fighter. The colored bantam champion of New England, Young Jackson (11 pounds), is training daily with Mr. Hoy.

While the two colored boxers are in this section of the country they are willing to show their race what they can do in upholding the laurels of the colored pugilists.

Hoy boxed at Henderson, Ky., December 22. The Burden brothers accompanied him on the trip.

TALKING ABOUT RENO.

Some Jack Johnson Observation Just Cropping Out—He Knew He Was Going to Win.

(From One on the Scene.)

One hot afternoon last June in Reno, Nev., when the sun was emptying hot blasts from its gigantic retorts over the brown fields and the irrigation ditch through which the water gurgled with the only suggestion of comfort near Johnson's training camp, the big black athlete, now champion, sat idly on the veranda of the roadhouse which was his temporary abiding place.

"Who is going to whip you in case you whip Jeffries," said one of the group, who were making merry while awaiting the elusive motor cars which ran between the city and the camp.

"Nobody," was the laconic reply.

"What, nobody? Do you think you are invulnerable"

"Spell that one again, mistuh. I do not just find it in muh dictionary."

"Do you mean to say that you will die a champion, that nobody can beat you if you put Jeffries out of the way of your immediate aspirations"

"I certainly do like those words," was the quick reply. "They put a shine ovuh the las' lot I heard when they arrested me the las' time for runnin' muh speed wagon too fractiouslessly, an' what I mean to say is this, they ain't nobody in sight, muh boy, that's goin' to beat me if I beat this white man. I don' know about dyin' a champion. I nevuh give much thought to that mattuh of dyin'. They keep me too busy tryin' to keep alive. But I ain' goin' to be licked by no man fightin' now if I put Mistuh Jeffries on de shelf."

"Would you give the championship up if you retained it a long time?"

"I don' know," said the Negro slowly. "I really don' know. I ain' got it yet, but I got a chance, an' if I should get it I really don' know. Mebbe, if I fought an' fought for it, an' I hadn't been licked, an' my old bones began to creak, an' this big arm"—stretching out his right arm and contracting the muscles—"it is a pretty big arm, ain't it, an' this big arm should begin to get a little stiff, like I had toted too many cotton bales along the levee, an' should begin to go back on me, I might give it up."

"Do you think it would be right to give it up?"

"Why not, when you come to think of it, why not? Ain't a champion a law unto himself? That's what the judge told me the last time they held me up for speeding muh car. He said that I thought I was a law unto myself. I like that judge. He done give me something to think about. Didn't Jeffries give it up? What's to prevent me, if I get it. Of co'se, I know you gentlemen done think I ought to fight for it. Mebbe I had, but I've been a long time goin' aftuh it, an' when I fight I'm going to know who I'm fightin', an' if I fight I'm goin' to go in and win, jes' as I'm goin' to go in to win against Mistuh Jeffries. But mind one thing," said the smiling Negro, as he arose and stretched himself lazily, a little gleam of fire shooting from his musing eyes, "they ain't no fighter now fightin' now who's goin' to beat Jack Johnson, if Jack Johnson beats Mistuh Jeffries. They got to grow a new one an' I'll be here if they grow him quickly enough."

Yet if Johnson has "traveled the pace," as the saying goes, which brings forward reports that he is suffering from a nervous breakdown, or likely to suffer one, perhaps the prediction which he made on the veranda of the roadhouse at eRno, with its motley crowd around the grounds and scattered throughout the interior of the building, may not be fulfilled as he expected.

The strong point in the Negro's statement at that time is the absolute confidence which he had in himself in case he should be successful against his white rival.

THE ROLL FOR 1910.

Football Still Claims It s Scores of Victims.

Killed, 1910	21
Killed, 1909	30
Injured 1910	491
Injured, 1909	236
Nature of Accidents.	
Concussion of brain	18
Broken legs	40
Broken ribs	30
Broken arms	10
Broken ankles	20
Other broken bones	160
Other injuries	213
Total	491

A LEAGUE OF COLORED PLAYERS.

Something Doing in Baseball.

The latest in baseball circles is the organiation of a lague of colored players. Minor leagues, playing limited territory, have been in existence for several years. They did very well under the circumstances, but they were hampered in most every way. The new organiation will be of similar scope to that of the great leagues by white men. It will eb known as the Negro National Baseball League. Eight towns have already been named as among those most favorable to the prosperity of the movement.

The towns selected are as follows: Chicago, Louisville, New Orleans, Mobile, St. Louis, aKnsas City, Mo., Kansas City, Kan., and Columbus, O. Unless some unexpected changes take place the cities mentioned will be settled on as 'th points for th games.

HENRY B. STEPHENS, ALIAS PAPA FOOTS, MANAGER SPARTANSBURG SLUGGERS.

H. B. Stephens made South Carolina famous by his batting and fielding averages during the season of 1910, with the Spartansburg Sluggers. Batting average, .398, while holding down first base; fielding average, .990. Will be glad to hear from all managers for the coming season of 1911. Address all mail to 60 Decatur street or 94½ Decatur street, Atlanta, Ga.

For information write Birmingham Giants, season of 1908, or Atlanta Deppens, season 1909.

The new movement means eight first-class clubs that wil offer at least fair compensation for the players. It is needless to say that colored ball players will hail the coming of the league with profound thanks, for as excellent as many of them are, heretofore they have only been able to eke a hard existence.

Of course the new movement will be on trial, depnding mainly on colored patrons, although thousands of white people may confidently be expected to turn out to see games that go at a good clip. This means that the colored people will have to pull up a bit and give the game a lift when in their section.

The Freeman takes great pleasure in encouraging the movement; it will use its best endeavors in promoting the games, having in mind the wholesome sport phase, not to speak of the assist to young colored men who find themselves adepts at bal tossing.

The corporation will have headquarters at Chicago and from which point the game will be directed.

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The Lincoln Giants is the name of the new team owned by the McMahon Bros., of New York, and will be managed by Sol White, the veteran baseball player and manager. They have the signed contracts of McClellan and Francis, of last season's Philadelphia Giants, and Buckner and Bradley, of last season's Brooklyn Royal Giants. Contracts are on the way to Cuba for the signatures of several star players who are now playing on the Havana team. The management of this new team purpose having the greatest aggregation of colored ball players for the season of 1911 ever gotten together.

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Ed Lamar, former manager of the Cuban X Giants, left New York Dec. 15 for Cuba with a team of ball players picked from all the eastern colored teams. He may place them in the Cuban League under the name of the Fe Team. Petway, Hill, Lloyd and "Home Run" Johnson are now playing on the Havana team and are helping the Cubans trim the great American teams, Detroits and the World's Champions, the Athletics.

EASTERN COLORED TEAMS ARE GOING SOUTH

Special to The Freeman.

All arrangements have been perfected by Nat C. Strong, of New York, to send the Cuban Stars, of Havana, Cuba, the Philadelphia Giants, of Philadelphia, Pa., and the New York Royal Giants through the South and West next spring. The Cuban Stars, the pick of the best players in Cuba, will arrive in New Orleans about April 1, while the Philadelphia Giants and New York Royal Giants who will train at Palm Beach, will leave there about the middle of March and work their way through the South into Texas and then northward, returning home via Chicago, arriving in the East about the 1st of June. The Cubans with Mendez and Pedrosa, the star pitchers, will play solid throughout the West, returning to the East about the 15th of July. All good first class clubs desiring games with these clubs should address Nat C. Strong, World Building, New York, immediately for dates.

SEASON OF 1910 IN THE EAST.

By Harry Daniels, New York City.

The past season in the East among the colored baseball teams was a great disappointment to the followers of the national game. The general inferior ability showed by all teams with the exceptions of J. M. Bright's Cuban Giants and the Philadelphia Giants, a loss or two of good players handicapping the latter team, there was no great amount of ability shown in the game.

The services of Dad Johnson and Al Robinson were so poor that followers of the game at times got disgusted and left before the completion of the games.

The Royals were supposed to be managed by the peer of all managers, Sol White; but where in a man is engaged for one thing and is used for another, one could not expect any more, as this was the case of White.

Earl and Monroe seem to be the real bosses themselves. White was overruled many times. A good motto for the owners of the Royal Giants would be that he who is worth hiring as a manager is worth trusting in the same capacity.

The Cuban Stars showed their usual good form from time to time.

All the teams showed such poor form here, it may be said that Rube Foster's team was the best in the East since 1905, when the Philadelphia Giants, composed of Booker, Chappie, Johnson, Foster, Bowman, McCellan, White, Grant, Monroe, Johnson and other stars, gave the fans a good exhibition of the national game.

This bunch went through the East like the Philadelphia Americans went through the Chicago Nationals.

Foster's team is the lone hope up to date that has played in the East the past season.

The season of 1910 did not show to any great extent new talent worth mentioning outside of Barber, of the Philadelphia team, and Hampton and Miller of the Royal Giants. To pick an all-eastern team of colored players without the help of the West would be a hard job.

The West came to the front last season with such players as Sheldon, Hutchinson and others.

Under the management of Sol White the following all-western team could be depended on to do good work:

Washington, Pittsburg, and Bradley, Philadelphia, catchers; MacCellan, of Philadelphia, Bradford, Pittsburg, Buckner, Royals, Green, Pittsburg, pitchers; Robinson, Royals, first base; Braggs, Cubans, third base; Gordon, Cubans, second base; Francis, Philadelphia, s. s.; Barber, Philadelphia, center field; Poles, Philadelphia, right field; Brown, Cubans, left field; subs, Monroe, Hayes, James, Thomas and MacCellan.

No doubt this selection would meet with the approval of the patrons and admirers of these players for an all-eastern team.

An all-western team, with Nat Harris as manager, could be as follows:

Petway, Lelands, and O'Neal, West Baden, catchers; Webb, Oak City, Gillard, Oak City, Linslay, Lelands, Taylor, Chicago, Dougherty, Lelands, Johnson, Gophers, pitchers; Pettis, Chicago, first base; Lloyd, Lelands, second base; Wallace, Chicago, third base; Hutchinson, Lelands, short stop; F. Hill, Lelands, right field; Brown, West Baden, center field; Duncan, Lelands, left field.

I guess I am in for a calling for picking O'Neal, Hutchinson, Brown and others; but records count when picking a team. In fact, one could pick three teams in the West to class easily with anything one could select in the East.

The Cuban Giants played the Buffalo Eastern League team a post-season series which resulted in the Cubans wining three and losing one. Robinson, Gordon, Braggs and Brown made the hits with their great batting.

BALL TOSSERS ARE NOW GETTING TOGETHER

They Will Meet With Stockholders at Cario, Ill.

Special to The Freeman.

The Cai. o Giants baseball club met last week with the stockholders and will continue to meet until everything is perfected for the season of 1911. The officers elected are: J. Stephens, president; A. Gilchrist, treasurer; Sam Davis, chairman; P. Head, captain, and W. Akers, coach.

The players that have signed to play during the season of 1911 are: Ed White, Lowie Thomas, H. Randolph, Gregory P. Walker, Butler White.

The club would like to hear from a number of good players and managers. Address 221½ 38th street, Cairo, Ill.
PEARL HEAD, Capt.

SEWICKYEY, PA.

Special to The Freeman.

A birthday party will be given in honor of Miss Louise Collins at her home.... The birthday party that was given in honor of William J. Curtis was a most enjoyable event of the season. W. J., you are much a favorite among the social set....Mrs. James Reese is convalescing. We are pjleased to hear the good news....The writer wishes you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year ....Mr. Chas. Turner is on the sick list ....Mr. John Kisner and family will remain in the city this winter....Mrs. W. M. Nailor, of Leetsdale, has been very sick but is improving slowly....Mr. Roy has gone to Virginia to Visit Messrs Rand and Will Gentry, and spend the holidays, also to visit old friends. C. H. Berry has received word that they are treeing coons and chasing rabbits and having a fine time....Mr. Samuel Myers' little child is very sick with lagrippe, and we sincerely hope that he will soon be well......Mr. John Franklin made a flying trip to Pittsburg Saturday evening on urgent business. He reported the deal is all off....Mr. Bob Williams will leave shortly for Cherry City....Mr. Arthur Fisher and Miss Lillian Thompson were united in marriage on Christmas day....Mr. Guy Leslie, of Pittsburg, and Miss Francis Collins, of Edgeworth, P. O., were united in marriage December 26, 1910, at their residence in Edgeworth. Sewickley friends wish you an abundance of success....Mr. George Lee was taken suddenly ill while at his daily vocation in Woodlawn, P. O. The writer has been informed that he is somewhat better....Mr. W. H. Brown's little daughter, Alice, is among the sick, but is improving slowly....St. Matthew Zion A. M. E. church will give an entertainment and supper December 29th and 30th for the benefit of the pastor, Rev. Durham. Entertainment commitee is composed of Mrs. Mattie Bowden, Mrs. C. H. Berdy, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Fraer and Mrs. Moore. ....Mrs. Alice Tobise, of Cleveland, O., will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. John Franklin of Sewickley....Mr. John Coleman, of Sewickley, has removed to Freedom, Pa. His many friends hope he will have success.....Mr. Dave Colemna will leave soon for San Francisco to spend the winter. He is one of Sewickley's sports and a good fellow......All news items and business matters, please send them in by Saturday of each week, address 405 Beaver street. The Freeman on sale. Send all communications to C. H. Berry, agent....Strangers coming to Sewickley, call and see a copy of The Freeman and have a social chat....Mr. Joe Carrington and wife went to Connorville, Pa., to spend Christmas with friends ....The Turner Brothers will leave soon to go to the farm and slaughter some fine porkers. They will be absent from the city for a day or so....The Butler Bros. have the finest ice cream in the city. You know the rest. Nuff sed....The K. of P. lodge smoker Thursday evening was a grand success. Many out-of-town guests were in attendance....Mr. Charles Johnson will spend Christmas with his parents in Ohio....The Owl club of Sewickley will give a full dress ball at Rochester, Pa., admission $1.50 per couple ....Mr. Douglas Hill, of Sewickley, will be the guest of Miss Lizzie Newbank, of East Pittsburg, and also Mrs. Nancy Fowler, sister of Mr. Hill.....Mrs. Giles Mr. J. Diggs, of McKeesport, spent the holidays in Sewickley, the guest of their brother, Mr. L. Diggs, of Ferry street.... Mr. Henry Goss, at present head bellman at the Park Place Hotel. Mr. Sam Jurdan, head bellman at Elmhurst Hotel.

NAVASOTA, TEX.

The nuptials of Miss Ernestine Constant and Mr. Arthur J. Johnson were celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Constant, in this city at 2:40 p. m., December 12. Only the family and a few friends were present. As a preliminary to this occurrence, the guests were invited into the dining room and a bountiful repast was served there. After the repast the guests again assembled in the spacious parlor, where Rev. A. W. Carr performed the ceremony, pronouncing the the solemn words that united the two for life. The guests and the newly married people were then served with dainty cakes and ice cream. Miss Constant is a graduate of Prairieview Normal and Industrial College, and is a most esteemed and lovable young lady. She has been employed for some time as a teacher in the Navasota high school. Mr. Johnson is also a graduate of the same institution of learning, and is a promising young gentleman. He is a highly esteemed teacher in the Galveston high schools. At 3:40 p. m. the happy bridal couple took the train for Galveston, Tex., their future home, carrying with them the benediction of loving parents and the best wishes of their friends ....Rev. Mr. Simmon, of the First Baptist church, of Temple, Tex., will preach for Rev. B. F. Williams of Friendship Baptist church in this city, December 25....Remember, The Freeman is on sale at E. M. Neal & Co.'s store on Saturdays and Sundays.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. Charles W. Brown is ill at her home in N. West street.

Mrs. Rebecca Pope-Smith is improving slowly from the effects of an automobile accident.

Mrs. Add. Stevenson has accepted the leadership of the converts' class, known as No. 10.

The ladies of the Guild of St. Phillips' Episcopal church will give o prie whist party at Dumas Club Monday night.

Mrs. Katherine Harper will render a solo at the meeting of the Woman's Federation of Ohio, at Springfield Monday night.

Mrs. Ora Dunlop, formerly of this city, and now a member of the Smart Set Company, is ill at the home of her mother at Noblesville, Ind.

The last financial rally for the conference year is set for Sunday, February 12, at which time the board requests the congregation to contribute $350.

Grand musical Monday night, January 16, by Madame J. L. Thompson, supported by her husband, recently of Covington, Ky. The proceeds go for a pipe organ fund.

Archie Greathouse, just retiring from business, wishes to thank his many patrons and friends for the kind support he has received from them through the twenty-one years of his business career.

Rev. J. S. Bailey, superintendent of the Maysville District, occupied the pulpit last Sunday morning. He left Sunday at noon to visit his father in New Castle, Ind., where he preached Sunday night.

Simpson Chapel M. E. church. Rev. H. W. Ttate, D. D., pastor. Sunday school January 8 at 9:30 a. m., preaching at 11:00 and 8:00 by the pastor. The Epworth League meets from 7:00 to 8:00 p. m. Class meeting Tuesday at 8:00 o'clock in the evening.

The funeral of Mrs. Eleanor Booth Hayes, whose death occurred Tuesday, was held at her late home in North California street. Mrs. Hayes was formerly a teacher in the public schools and was the wife of Prof. G. L. Hayes, supervising principal of the colored schools.

Special services at Phillips' Chapel, colored M. E. church, Drake street, near West, Rev. J. L. Thompson, pastor. The preaching Thursday, Friday and Sunday by Dr. T. H. Copeland, presiding elder. Dr. W. H. Tate, pastor of Simpson Chapel M. E. church, will preach the communion sermon. Dr. Smith, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, will assist. All invited. Don't miss Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.. The history of Israel is so interesting this quarter, you can't afford to miss a Sunday.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH.

The New Year opened very auspiciously at Bethel church last Sunday morning, the pastor preaching to a full house, despite the inclement weather. The Sunday school was largely attended and 12 new pupils were present. At 6:30 the Christian Endeavor met in the auditorium and the newly elected officers were installed into office. At 7:45 a fine congregation assembled to hear the sermon, at the close of which nearly one hundred officers and members of committees were installed, followed by the communion. The collection for the day was about $50. Sunday morning the pastor will preach. is subject will be "MaltreatingH Chirst's witnesses." In the evening the subject will be "Repentance."

Revival meetings will begin Sunday. The pastor will be assisted during the week by Rev. J. L. Thompson.

ALPHA HOME OPENED AGAIN.

Colored Charitable Institution Ready Year After Damage by Fire.

The Alpha Home for Aged Colored Women, 1940 Darwin street, which suffered a loss by fire about a year ago, was opened formally again last Tuesday afternoon, appropriate exercises marking the event. An extensive program was given, several colored ministers and others of the city participating. The history of the home was given by Mrs. Ida Bryant, Mrs. Gertrude B. Hill and Miss Smock of the Charity Organiaztion. The Allen Chapel choir furnished music. The home, which is now in its twentieth year, was founded by Mrs. Pauline Merrit, a white woman, who donated several acres of land and a liberal appropriation for the erection of a three-room cottage. The institution was maintained through subscriptions in colored churches of the city. The growth of the home was rapid until about one year ago, when it was damaged by fire. Since that time it has been rebuilt and made modern throughout. The building will accommodated about forty persons.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Men's Sunday Club is rendering some very interesting programs every Sunday. They discuss many important questions that are of interest to our race....The Woman's Afro-American Charity Club, that was organied about eight months ago, is really a live wire. The ladies have a membership of twenty-five, and have $101 in the treasury. Among the purposes of the club is the erection of an orphanage here in keeping with the needs of every colored locality....Rev. J. Gordon McPherson has established an Institutional church in the city, and made a creditable beginning at its opening....During an altercation between two white men and two soldiers here recently, one of the former was hurt to the extent that he died later. One of the soldiers was indicted for murder in the first degree and is now awaiting his hearing. We learn that he acted in self-defense....Rev. J. A. Dennis, of Baltimore, who was recently called by the Calvary Baptist church of this city, arrived here last Saturday and immediately took upon himself the duties of his pastorate here. He has been gathered already into the arms of the people, and we know that his fruitful future will yield great blessings for us, as his past has been blessed in fields where he has labored. We are proud of our pastor indeed. Any correspondence addressed to him at 1017 E. Pacific avenue, will be safely delivered to him....Last week there was organized a queer club here known as "The Who Are You Club." The members are yet a secret. It is said to be a pleasure and business enterprise endeavor....Rev. S. S. Freeman was in the city last week and remained several days. He now lives in Tacoma, and has a pastorate there....Next Sunday is Ladies' Day at the Men's Sunday Club, and a great audience is expected. The club is a worthy institution among us, and we hope its membership will steadily increase....Dr. Scott Chaplain, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, is still the stellar power of attraction, but who now has a keen rival in the personage of our new pastor, Dr. J. A. Dennis, formerly of Baltimore, Md.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Mrs. William R. Hardy is up and around again after a severe illness of several weeks......Mrs. Wm. H. Talbert, of Buffalo, N. Y., sister of Mrs. W. R. Hardy, has returned home ....Mrs. Thomas R. Morgan fell down stairs at her home last week and sustained some very painful bruises. The week to the Morgans has been quite eventful, as Mr. T. R. Morgan, while riding a wheel, collided with a large touring car and was badly injured. Both have been confined to their home....Mr. I. S. Elam has been in the city on business....Mrs. W. T. Francis is expected home on or before New Year's day. She has been touring the East in company with Mrs. Booker T. Washington....Mrs. Nadine Mitchell was taken to the St. Joseph's hospital last week where an operation was performed on her......On December 22nd there was a concert- recital given at St. James A. M. E. church by David Johnson, the boy violinist. He was assisted by his father, Prof. Jas. Johnson, Miss Jeannette Johnson, Madame Minor, T. R. Morgan and Prof. W. A. Weir. David Johnson's wonderful talent for the violin consists in an almost limitless technic, and his memory is miraculous.......Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Williams entertained at dinner last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hough, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thomas and Mrs. R. P. Wright....Mr. Jas. J. Billups has been on the sick list for a number of days....Rev. W. D. Carter will spend the holidays with his wife and friends....Mr. O. C. Hall has been appointed one of the clerks in the office of the recently elected County Auditor Reis, a Democrat....Mrs. Marcia Valley is clerking in the Emporium Department store......Mrs. Emma Adams, sister of Mr. Greon Thomas, died recently in Colorado....Mr. Samuel L. Ransom has been elected superintendent of the Sunday school of the Pilgrim Baptist church. Mr. G. W. James having resigned that position after serving a number of years....Mr. Geo. W. Hayman has been quite sick....Christmas day at St. James church was a gala day. Souvenirs were distributed to each one. Miss Margaret Fields sang a solo....Pilgrim Baptist church was artistically decorated by Mrs. W. P. Hough and her floral committee. Services were well attended.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

A Notable Dinner—Kentucky Guests Honored—Black Patti Been to Town—Boat Club Organized.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan entertained at an afternoon dinner of twelve courses in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas of Lexington, Ky. Souvenirs were given to the guests after dinner was served. The guests of honor were given a very handsome present. Dancing was enjoyed until a very late hour. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas, Mrs. Lonnie White, Miss Annie Merriette, Mrs. Matthew Thomas, Mr. J. H. Graham, Mr. John Sayles, Mr. R. Longshaw, Mr. R. Smith, Mr. Walker W. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan....Mrs. John H. Graham, of North F street, is spending a few days in Montgomery, Ala., with friends....Mr. E. E. DeVaughn, one of Pensacola's well-known business men, died last week. Many friends attended the burial services....Mr. E. Brooks, who has been in the city for the past few weeks, left for Tampa, Fla.....Mr. R. Smith left for Tampa last week ....Mrs. Louisa Bradley was quietly married to Mr. Wm. Sulky last week, at her home on North K street....The Freeman for sale at the colored drug stores. Walker W. Thomas, local agent....The colored men will son form a boat club, as there are quite a number of fast boats owned in this city. A few weeks ago some of the boats were given a trial. The first race was won by "The Bon Ami," which went six milen in 4 minutes, 35 seconds; the "Great Eastern" went six miles in 48 minutes and 10 seconds; the "Carrie B." went six miles in 49 minutes These boats are owned by the most prominent men of the city. "Carrie B." is owned by Captain Bud Johnson; "Great Eastern," by R. Stollworth; "Bon Ami," by H. Adams. After the races were ver a delightful luncheon was served at Seaside park. Among those present were Messrs. M. A. Fawler, Will Madison, W. Crawford, A. Haze, Guss Gomeson, Joe Cole and Matt Young, of Montgomery, Ala....The Original Black Patti show played here last week to a very large attendance. Every one in the show played their part well, with their leaders, Madam Jones and Jolly John Larkins. Everyone was well pleased with the show, and wishes the company a greater success....Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, who have been here for the past three weeks, left for Tampa, Fla.....Mrs. Ella Scruggs, of West Belmont street, died last week. Mrs. Scruggs had been in ill health for some time......Mrs. James Thomas was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan for a few days last week....Mrs. Thomas Hayes, of the Big Bayou, was in the city last week....Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas, of Lexington, Ky., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Thomas, at Moro Castle, left for Tampa, Fla. Their many friends regret their departure ....Mr. A. C. Lawyer, who has been spending the holidays in Birmingham, Ala., will arrive here in a few days....Wm. Butler, one of Pensacola's finest theatrical managers, sends his regards to all of his friends.....Mr. Orange Adbercarter has purchased a handsome automobile.

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CINCINNATI, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The new year found the Queen City of the West wide awake, with open arms, extending an invitation to the neighboring villages to come in and share the hospitality of her citizens. The several churches on Walnut Hills, as well as the downtown churches, held watch meetings, and they were well attended. There were also plenty of social as well as public entertainments. The Dunbar Club kept open house all New Year's day. About twenty gallons of eggnog were consumed by members and friends. Members of the Union Republican League also celebrated at their beautiful clubrooms on McAllister street. Other clubs which observed the opening of the New Year were the Copeland, Caldwell, Ruffian and Ford Stith Clubs....The First Baptist Church, on Walnut Hills has about completed their new building at Lincoln and Park avenues. When completed it will be one of the nicest and largest churches in the city. The members of this congregation have been looked upon as one of the most prosperous and harmonious bodies in the city. They are all known to be hard-working, industrious people, always working for the good of the church. But lo! what a bombshell was thrown in our midst last week when Wm. Dewes, a trustee, swore to a warrant charging Wm. Massey with misappropriating about $100 of church funds. Mr. Massey is well known in church circles and it was a severe blow to his friends. They are in hopes he will be able to make a satisfactory explanation of the disappearance of the church funds. It has been further rumored that another member of the church is about $600 short, but has promised to settle by weekly payments. This is further evidence that the little boy was not so far off when he said that some members of the church could not show any one the way to heaven because they don't know the way to the postoffice themselves....Mr. Jerry Guthrie, of Ashland avenue, has been confined to his bed with varioloid....Clifford Mack, nineteen years old, who departed this life last week in Chicago, was buried from the Mound Street Church. His father and mother accompanied the remains. His father, W. A. Mack, is an old Cincinnati boy. The funeral was largely attended....Mrs. A. G. Rogers, of Columbus, O., spent the New Year's with her husband and little sone. They spent the day with Mrs. Frank Hall, of Alms Place....Mr. C. Cunery, of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays in this city....Mr. Geo. L. Ross and wife, of Cleveland, O., spent New Year's day in this city, with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Jackson, of Symmes street....Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reed extend their sympathies on accoutn of their illness during the holidays.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Hooters Observe Christmas Day—A Grand Church Rally.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The observance of Christmas day in South Bend was both beautifully and pathetically held by the officers, members and friends of the A. A. O. O. O., at noon Sunday, when, with H. S. P. Bland presiding, each Hoot and friend present was called upon for a few words in touch with the occasion, and many well-said and instructive remarks escaped the lips of each speaker. Mr. Chas. Bell, who is Hoot Supreme Lecturer of the A. A. O. O. O., was selected by the body to present the Christmas gift to Mr. Geo. Bland. The presentment was made in a terse yet impressive manner, which is a quality that so fits Mr. Bell as a good speaker. Mr. Bland, in his response, finished by remembering a sick Hoot, Mr. Randolf, in words which were indeed pathetic, and by hoping that his (Mr. Bland's) place as headwaiter will be filled by a man of color, as he has for these many years worked for the steady advancement of his people....The rally at Mt. Olivet A. M. E. Church, last Sunday evening, was a grand success, $181 being raised for the building fund....Mrs. Sallie King, of Chicago, and a cousin of Mrs. Wm. Manning, of 1059 Portage avenue, is on the sick list....We are very glad to see E. D. Cooksey out again....Mrs. J. W. Wade has returned from Terre Haute, where she went to bury her mother, Mrs. Mitchell....The Owls initiated three candidates on last Wednesday evening....Don't forget to go to the new Dancing Academy, at La Salle Hall, East Washington avenue. Wm. Manning and T. W. Hardin, managers.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Willing Workers club entertainment and supper at the A. M. E. church last Friday evening was quite a success, and the luncheon was excellent....Miss M. D. Wilson entertained Mrs. F. Carter and daughter, Mrs. Morton, of Chicago....Lillian May Sanders died suddenly last Friday and funeral services were held at the residence....Miss Leona Watson, formerly of this city, died at Springfield, Ill., Friday, and funeral services were at the Union Baptist church....Miss Leora Walker gave a house party at her home, 911 West Front street. Those present were Miss Mildred Brown, Miss Grace Smyler, Miss Lee, Mr. Johnson, of Champagne; Miss Gladys Page, of Peoria, and Mr. L. Jones and sister, of Payton....Mr. Clifford Jordan and sister and Mrs. Clifford Jordan were in the city last week....Miss Jennie Witherspoon and Miss G. Witherspoon spent their Christmas at home....Mr. Julius Maben entertained a party at his residence Wednesday evening....Miss Blanche Hoagland and Miss Mabel Hawkins entertained Miss Leora Walker and friends Friday evening.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Morris Pennington is able to be out after ten days illness....Mrs. C. W. Scott of West avenue, Dr. C. A. Pettiford, Jane Williams and Mary Taylor are on the sick list......Charlie Green was in the city Tuesday on his way home at Ashtabula ....Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Pettiford entertained the following at dinner Tuesday: Mr. and rMs. Frank Curtis, Mrs. John Vactor and daughter, Mabel, Misses Sarah and Sadie Boggers, Frank Pettiford and Will Saunders....Mr. and Mrs. Paum, of Hubbard, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James More, of West Lake avenue, New Years....Mrs. Ellie Davis, of New Brighton, Pa., was in the city Monday....Wm. Carrie, of New Castle, Pa., was in the city Sunday....A number of Youngstown, Hubbard, Sharon and New Castle, people gave a house party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Palms in Hubbard, Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in music and was an enjoyable one....Gold Leaf Company D, U. R. K. of P. will meet Thursday evening, January 12th. All members are requested to be present....Mrs. James Biddle and daughter are visiting relatives in Mt. Vernon, O....J. H. Bobson, Charlie Davis, Archie Thomas, Clarence Roy, Will Thomas and Frank Hall attended the Elks' banquet given by Iron City Lodge in Pittsburg, Saturday evening......Lusia Richardson, of New York, was called to the city to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Oscar Smith, who was buried Sunday from the A. M. E. church, Oak Hill avenue....Mrs. Richard Burton left for New York State to visit relatives and for her health, during the winter....The following Youngstown relatives and friends attended the funeral of the late Mrs. William Curry in New Castle Thursday afternoon: Mrs. Angie Rose, Mrs. Cunningham of Cleveland, Mrs. Norman Smith, Mrs. John Holmes, Sr., Mrs. Chas. Lincoln, Miss Mayme Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Linch, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Berry, Mrs. William Sims, P. Ross Berry, Hon. W. R. Stewart and Chas. Stewart....The members of the Tucker family held a reunion at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Thomas, West St. Louis avenue, Wednesday evening, December 28, in honor of the aged father, Rev. P. Tucker, founder of the Mahoning avenue Baptist church. After serving an elaborate lunch, the guests enjoyed themselves by talking over family affairs and topics of the day. Those present: Mr. and Mrs. Albert, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Washington, Miss Lelia Tucker, of Pittsburgh; grandchildren, Misses Laura Woods, Georgia Parker, Grace Parker, Enice Thomas, Louisa Moore, Ruth Thomas, Lyda Walker, of Pittsburg; Messrs. Walter Woods, Jesse Parker, Fredrick Parker and Clarence Moore; near relatives, Mrs. P. Tucker, Mrs. Tansmore, Miss Winifred Tansmore, Gladys Thomas, Leslie and Walter Thomas. The guests, Rev. and Mrs. Taylor, Misses Hael Harper, Lena Ford, Messrs. Tod Jefferson, Northly Banks, Mrs. Larver and two children and Mrs. Palmer.

CANONSBURG, PA.

Mrs. Nola Sharron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Betts, who has been a patient at the Canonsburg ospital for siffix weeks, having her left arm amputated Saturday morning....Mrs. Mary Fields and sister, Mrs. Henerietta Skinner, of Ramsey, O., visited at the home of their uncle, E. Betts....Mr. and Mrs. ohn Redman have returned from a visit to Mrs. Redman's mother, Mrs. Vaughn, of Cutler, O....Mrs. B. L. Churchman, of Washington, Pa., was a Canonsburg visitor Sunday....Little ohnnie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliva hillips, still remains in a serious condition....Watch meeting was observed at Payne A. M. E. church. ....Samuel Dungee, a well known resident of McGovern, died at his home at 2 o'clock Sunday morning....Mrs. Joe Fulman, of Millseat, who has been a patient at the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburg, returned to her home Monday much improved....For The Freeman, call up E. Betts' restaurant.. Hurley Smith, agent. ....Hrs. Ida Brown, who has been on the sick list, is slowly improving.

WEST BADEN, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Master William Johnson and Lee Hunt, of Louisville, have returned to school after a week's stay with their cousin, Mrs. Jennie Bell....Mr. Charley Johnson spent Christmas in Russelville, Ky., with his mother, Mrs. Florence Cole....Mr. William Hill has returned from Chicago....Mr. Mike Johnston is back at his post after a delightful stay in Tennessee....Mr. and Mrs. Wright Potter entertained a few friends at their twenty-second anniversary on December 28th....All who attended the reception given in honor of Rev. J. L. Mason, of West Baden Baptist church, at Mrs. John Cook's, spent an enjoyable evening.....Mr. Hathaway Taylor, of Louisville, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Jessie Bell....Mrs. Bessie Mudd, of Louisville, has returned after spending a week in the valley....Mr. G. W. Waddy left January 2 for Nashville, Tenn., to visit his mother......Mrs. Odis Burnett, who has been on the sick list, is convalescent....Mrs. Evans has returned from Chicago.

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